

THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE SPIRIT AND AT THE SAME TIME ALSO BEINGS - THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD AND JESUS HIMSELF AND NOT THE THIRD BEING

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Many theologians claim that the Trinity is logical and that the holy Spirit is a Divine Being because the Bible says that God the Father and God the Son are also Spirit at the same time. Is this an accurate claim?

- "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:...but our sufficiency is of God;... but the spirit giveth life... **Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." {2 Corinthians 3:3-18}

Who is that Spirit, who gives us liberty? According to the Bible, it's Jesus Himself, for He is personally a holy Spirit:

- "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." {John 8:36}
- "**God is a Spirit:** and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." {John 4:24} (God = the Father)
- "**God (the Father) is a spirit;** yet **He is a personal Being,** for man was made in **His image.** As a personal Being, God has revealed Himself in His Son." {Ellen White: Education, p. 131.6, 1903}

The statement that the Father and Son are also Spirit, confirms once more that they are omnipresent by their holy Spirit, which we clearly see in the next verse.

Why, even after the victory over sin, do we not see the holy Spirit playing a divine role in the New Jerusalem, but rather only the Father and the Son, who according to the Bible are also Spirit as well?

- "And I saw no temple therein: for the **Lord God Almighty (the Father) and the Lamb (Jesus) are the temple of it.**" {Revelation 21:22}

The holy Spirit also proceeds from the Father, in an incomprehensible way to us, and is therefore not an autonomous Being, for this is how the Father and the Son dwell in us:

- "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God (the Father) dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the **Spirit of Christ,** He is none of His. And if **Christ be in you,** the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the **Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,** He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **His Spirit** that dwelleth in you." {Romans 8:9-11}
- "By the **Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.**" {Ellen White: The Bible Echo, January 15, 1893, par. 8}

The Spirit of Christ is also the Spirit of God, i.e. the Father. Even if we can't understand how this can be, we have no right to probe into that answer for it hasn't been revealed to us.

- "It is **GOD Himself (the Father)** who gives us this illustration of His love for us; for **His Spirit (and not God the Spirit)** caused the story of David and Absalom to be recorded, and **His Spirit inspired the words** in the one hundred and third psalm." {E. J. Waggoner: Bible Echo, Vol. 8, January 15, 1893, par. 8}
- "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the **Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.**" {Matthew 10:19-20}
- "The **Father gave His Spirit without measure to His Son,** and we also may partake of its fullness." {Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 477.1}
- "And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father.**" {Galatians 4:6}

Perhaps, God, the Father, is also the Father of the holy Spirit, since He cries, "Abba, Father"?

No, but rather this is just another Biblical proof that the holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, manifesting Himself in another form.

- "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For **I (Jesus) will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.**" {Luke 21:14-15}

- “For the **holy Ghost shall teach you** in the same hour what ye ought to say.” {Luke 12:12}
- “But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for **it is not ye that speak, but the holy Ghost.**” {Mark 13:11}

According to Luke 21:14-15, Jesus is the One Who will give us a mouth and wisdom!
And according to Luke 12:12, will teach us what we ought to say, through His manifestation as the holy Spirit in us!

- “**Christ was the Spirit of truth.** The world will not listen to His pleadings... But His disciples see in Him the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And **they shall have His abiding presence...**” {Ellen White: The Southern Review, October 25, 1898, par. 2}
- “**Christ has made provision for all to receive His Spirit...**” {Ellen White: Signs of the Times, August 7, 1901, par. 2}
- “How shall I bear impressively the commission Christ has given to His people—the privilege of being workers with the **Spirit of all truth manifest in the flesh—the divine Son of God,** clothed with humanity, a channel devised and prepared to be continually receiving and imparting the heavenly current? Himself the overflowing Fountain, He receives to communicate to all those who will accept the gift.” {Ellen White: Diary, Manuscript 125, July 25, 1906, par. 13}

We can see very clearly here that the Spirit is God Himself, i.e. His Spirit. From the other side, in their attempts to prove that the holy Spirit is an autonomous Divine Being, they only quote a snippet of the entire quote, the part that says “...the Spirit, being God...”. But the prophet of God wasn’t saying that the holy Spirit Itself was God, but rather, as confirmed by the Bible, that It is the Spirit of God, just as how our spirit is the spirit of man and not another being:

- “The holy Spirit indites all genuine prayer. I have learned to know that in all my intercessions the Spirit intercedes for me and for all saints; but his intercessions are according to the will of God, never contrary to His will. ‘The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities;’ and the **Spirit, being God, knoweth the mind of God;** therefore in every prayer of ours for the sick, or for other needs, the will of God is to be regarded. **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.**” {Ellen White: Signs of the Times, October 3, 1892, par. 3}
- “But **God** hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things 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.** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” {1 Corinthians 2:10-12}

Does only the holy Spirit, the third Being, know the things of God the Father and the Son?: “even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God” - 1 Corinthians 2:11? No way! In no other Bible verse is it so explicitly clear that the holy Spirit proceeds from God and that it is a part of Him, and that it doesn’t come as a third Being. Because God the Father has His own Spirit, and Jesus does too, then it follows that in the Trinity the holy Spirit would have to have Its own Spirit. Only logical, right? But Jesus says “Sola Scriptura!”

If even after reading such verses and quotes you still cling to the doctrine of the Trinity, it would have to lead you to the following conclusion: In the context of the Trinity, with its “autonomous” holy Spirit, the Father and the Son don’t have their own thoughts! Is the spirit of man also another being or just a part of that human being, and therefore knows the things of that man, his inner thoughts? If the spirit of man is someone else, then man would be a robot and would not have his own thoughts! Likewise, the Father and the Son wouldn’t be Divine Beings either. But that is exactly the logical conclusion of the Trinity doctrine, whose God is one “melded” Being, in which the holy Spirit, Father, and Son are all just various manifestations of that “same” one God.

According to this teaching, the holy Spirit bears the “role” of Comforter, the mind and omnipresence; the Father bears the “role” of Father, coordination and rulership; and the Son bears the “role” of executor, Son, and Saviour. The Trinity is the greatest attack on the substantial existence of the Father and the Son as Divine Beings.

This teaching is directly from the enemy! Through the Trinity, Satan wants to be uplifted above the Father and above Jesus! And what are we doing? We are accepting this doctrine, all the while imagining we are still God’s people! The holy Spirit is a part of God just as our spirit is a part of us. Even if we can’t understand this, the main difference is that God Almighty certainly is not subject to such a strong link between the Spirit and physical nature as are we in our created natures. The Bible is completely clear and shows that God’s Spirit, belongs to God’s Being just as our spirit belongs to our being.

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