

The Last Warning to God's People The Final Phase of the Apostasy and the First Commandment

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Is it true that today's church beliefs are a sign of "PROGRESS" in the knowledge of "TRUTH"?

- "One thing it is certain is soon to be realised,—**THE GREAT APOSTASY**, which is **DEVELOPING AND INCREASING AND WAXING STRONGER**, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout." {Ellen White: Testimonies, Series B, No.7, S. 57 & NYI February 7, 1906, par. 1}
- "But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will **give these truths** their proper place in the plan of God."! {Ellen White: SpTB02 51.2}

Today we are nearing the end of time, which according to Ellen White also contains the final phase of omega apostasy in Laodicea. Why the final phase? During the 1880s, a small circle of apostate theologians began a "project" of introducing the doctrine of the Trinity into the church.

This is why in 1888, Ellen White added the words **"THE ONLY (Divine) BEING IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE (BESIDES God the Father)"** to the book "The Great Controversy", to challenge false quotes about THREE Divine BEINGS:

- "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: Velika Borba, GC, "The Origin of Evil" 1888, p. 493}

Ellen White stated in the same book the indisputably clear fact, that **in all eternity we will be together only with God the Father and His Son Jesus! The holy Spirit does not exist as the third being** in the description of eternity, because he is not a third being, but only the Spirit of the Father and the Son and Their literal and conscious presence in us!

- "And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of **GOD and of CHRIST.**" {Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 678.1}
- "**The glory of God and the Lamb** floods the holy City with unfading light. The redeemed walk in the sunless glory of perpetual day. "I saw no temple therein: **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**" Revelation 21:22. **The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the FATHER and the SON.**" {Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 676.3+4}

In June of 1891, Ellen White specified why the teaching of the Trinity is not true, and explained that the question of not understanding this mystery in terms of the nature of the holy Spirit does NOT have to do with THE FACT that the holy Spirit is the SPIRIT OF JESUS, not the third independent Divine Being. a person of the non-existent Trinity.

- "This refers to the **OMNIPRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**, called the **COMFORTER**. ...There are many **MYSTERIES** which I do not seek to understand or to explain; they are too high for me, and too high for you. On some of these points, **SILENCE IS GOLDEN.**" {Ellen White: 14MR, June 11, 1891, p.179.2}

Despite the WARNING that silence is gold, the Spirit of Jesus is proclaimed the third God who does not exist. The leaders of the apostasy sent EGW to Australia in September of 1891 because of her fight for the truth in 1891. This was done against God's and her will, so that they could peacefully supplement the book "The Life of Jesus Christ" with falsifications about the holy Spirit, and introduce the Trinity. The new edition was published in 1898 under the name The "Desire of Ages".

- "I **have not**, I think, revealed the entire workings that led me here to **Australia. Perhaps you may never fully understand the matter. The Lord was not in our leaving America.** He did not reveal that it was His will that I should leave Battle Creek. **The Lord did not plan this**, but He let you all move after **your own imaginings**. The Lord would have had W. C. White, his mother, and her workers remain in America, we were needed at the heart of the work, and had your spiritual perception discerned the true situation, you would never have consented to the movements made. But the Lord read the hearts of all. **There was so great a willingness to have us leave that the Lord permitted this thing to take place. Those who were weary of the testimonies borne were left without the persons who bore them.** Our separation from Battle Creek was to let men have their own will and way, which they thought superior to the way of the Lord." {Ellen White: 11LtMs, Lt 127, 1896, par. 4}

By the time Ellen White returned to the United States in 1900, the spread of the apostate teaching had already become strong and unstoppable.

- "... **This was greatly displeasing to the Lord. The APPRENTICES were being EDUCATED in the FALSE DOCTRINES contained in the matter brought in. And the REVIEW and HERALD presses were sending these FALSE doctrines out to the world.**" {Ellen White: MS 20, 1903, April 3, par. 8}

Below is a statement from one of the most important Adventist pioneers, J. N. Andrews (after his name is the largest adventist university Andrews in the USA named). Through it we can recognise that the original Adventist faith rejected any form of the Trinity, not just the Catholic one:

- "The doctrine of the **TRINITY** which was **established** in the church by the council of **Nice**, A. D. **325. THIS DOCTRINE DESTROYS THE PERSONALITY OF GOD**, and his **SON JESUS** Christ our Lord. The infamous, measures by which it was forced upon the church which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history might well cause **every believer in that doctrine to BLUSH.**" {J.N. **ANDREWS**: RH, March 6, 1855}

Even after **1900**, **Ellen White** confirmed the **OLD** truth from the above quote, and warned the church:

- "A **LIAR** is one that presents false theories and doctrines. He who **DENIES THE PERSONALITY OF GOD** and of His **SON JESUS** Christ is denying God and Christ. "If that which ye have heard from **THE BEGINNING** shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son and in the Father." If you continue to believe and obey the truths you **FIRST EMBRACED** regarding the personality of the Father and the Son, you will be joined together with them in love. There will be seen that union for which Christ prayed just before His trial and crucifixion." {Ellen White: Ms 23, 8. February **1906**}
- "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, page 50, letter, August 7th, **1904** 'Beware'}
- "I assured them that **the message she bears today is the same that she has borne during the sixty years** of her public ministry." {Ellen White: RH, July 26, **1906** par. 20}
- "**We have NOW before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature.**" {Ellen White: Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 16, written July 24, **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. The scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth, is scripture misapplied. " {Ellen White: SpTB02 53.2}

The Alpha apostasy had to do with **Dr. Kellogg's claim that the holy Spirit is God**, and not just with the omnipresence of God and the pantheistic teachings, as we are told today.

- "He (Dr. Kellogg) told me that he **NOW believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the holy Ghost (Trinity); and HIS VIEW was that it was God the holy Ghost**, and not God the Father, that filled all space, and every living thing." {Letter by A. G. Daniells to W. C. White on October 29, 1903}

The doctrine of the **TRINITY is a direct VIOLATION OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT!** Ellen White announced in 1915 that the Omega apostasy, would follow soon after her death!

- "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, Feb. 24th, **1915**}

How did the (gradual) official rejection of the truth really start?

Today, the 1913 words from one of the main apostasy bearers, **Francis M. Wilcox**, are quoted all over the world as a "proof" that the "true" Trinity has always been a part of our religion.

On the other hand, it is not "accidentally" quoted that in the Yearbook of 1914, the Adventist Church decisively denied this and published a list of our teachings. **Items 1 and 2 of the official church beliefs were identical in 1872 and in 1914. In 1872, there was not a single trace of belief in the Trinity in the wording of our beliefs! In 1919, among the leading theologians in the GC, the first attempt was made towards the official introduction of the Trinity. This was led by elders Prescott, Lacey, and Daniells. That attempt was then resolutely rejected by the majority of our church's theologians of the time! The breakthrough came in 1931 though, when most of the pioneers had already passed away. That is when the teaching of the Trinity was adopted more decently and semi-officially. The main bearer of the introduction of the Trinity was Francis M. Wilcox, supported by GC President, Charles H. Watson, and with Dr. Froom in the background. At that time, Dr. Froom was part of the core team responsible for preparing the 22 church beliefs. In his book "Movement of Destiny," it is stated that until then there was nothing in the literature on the topic of the Trinity:**

- "The year **1930** marked another milestone in the formation of the Adventist creed. As missionaries in new territories of Africa were repeatedly asked by government agencies for an official representation of their faith, the African division leadership requested a new edition of the basic principles in the yearbook of the fellowship. **Under bypassing the full committee of the General Conference, a draft of 22 "Fundamental Beliefs"**, which was prepared by the then editor-in-chief **Francis M. Wilcox** together with three other theologians, including general conference president **Charles H. Watson**, entered the yearbook of 1931. According to the Adventist historian Dr. **LeRoy E. Froom** they wanted to **avoid the resistance** (of traditionalist circles from the community leadership) **through this surprise action**. The **new version**, which implicitly was not itself as a firmly formulated creed, contains for the **FIRST TIME** a clear commitment to **TRINITY** and is characterized by a great Christocentrism. The decades-long influence of Uriah Smith and his followers was thus overcome. In 1932, were those "principles of faith" included in the newly created book about our beliefs. They reached even greater weight because **they became the rule for baptism.**" {ADVENTECHO German SDA, April 1998, Seite 11+12}
- "MOST of the Adventist **pioneers could not become members of the Adventist Church** today, at least not before agreeing with the Church's 28 points of view. **They would e.g. rejected** point 2 '**Trinity**'" {George Knight:, Ministry October 1993 p.10}
- "May I here make a frank personal confession. When back between 1926 and 1928 I was asked by our leaders to give a series of **studies on "The holy Spirit"**.....covering the North American Union Ministerial Institute of 1928, I found that aside from priceless leads found in the Spirit of Prophecy, **there was practically nothing in our literature** setting forth a sound, Biblical exposition in this tremendous field of study. **There were no previous pathfinding books on the question in our literature.**" {Dr. LeRoy Edwin Froom: Movement of Destiny, page 322-324, 1971}
- "The next logical and inevitable step in the implementing of our unified fundamental beliefs, involved revision of certain **STANDARD** works, so as to **eliminate** statements that taught, and thus perpetuated erroneous views **on the Godhead.**" {Dr. L. Froom: Movement Of Destiny p. 422, 1971}

William Clarence White, son of Ellen White, made a sad statement in 1935:

- "**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 (son of EGW) **William C. White** to H. W. Carr April 30th, 1935}
- "**I was shown that the Lord would guide him (**William C. White**), and that he would, not be led away**" {**Ellen White**: Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 54, 55}

If today's theologians REALLY knew **ALL** the data, and **the evidence** of all the falsifications, they would take a different standpoint.

Especially, because in the Bible itself there is no word 'Trinity', nor a single verse that talks about GOD the holy Spirit. All we see 'the Spirit of GOD'! If the Bible also talks about the human spirit, is our spirit also an independent being?

- "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter** (the Spirit of Jesus), that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but **ye know him; for he dwelleth with you**, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." {John 14:16-18 KJV}
- "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." {Galatians 4:6}
- "They passed Phrygia and the Galatian region because **the holy Spirit** prevented them from preaching the word in Asia. When they came to Mysia, they wanted to go to Bithynia, but the **Spirit of Jesus** did not allow them." {Acts 16.6.7} Croatian Bible or German Bible: Elberfelder 1905, Schlachter 1951, Hoffnung für alle, Interlinearübersetzung
- "We want **the holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.**" {Ellen White: Letter 66 April 10, 1894 par. 18}

As early as 1893, Ellen White warned the church that not even one in twenty Adventists would be saved if they died at that time:

- "It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that **not one in twenty** whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner." {ChS 41.1} {Ellen White: DC 52.4, **1893**}

Is today's church in deeper communion with God than the church was back then? Why then do we automatically take the views of today's majority as unquestionable truth? 99.9 percent of the quotes from Ellen White until her death in 1915 are 180 degrees opposite to those quoted in the defense of the Trinity. The word of God is certainly not against itself! Examples of falsification:

Original: The ONLY defense against sin is JESUS (in harmony with other quotes from Ellen White):

- "Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value. There is **but ONE power** that can **break the hold of EVIL** from the hearts of men, **THE POWER OF GOD in JESUS CHRIST.**" {Ellen White: 8T, p. 291 **1904**}
- "**CHRIST** is the source of every right impulse. **He is the only one who can arouse in the natural heart enmity against SIN. He is the source of our power** if we would be saved. No soul can repent without the grace of Christ. The sinner may pray that he may know how to repent. God reveals Christ to the sinner, and when he sees the purity of the Son of God, he is not ignorant of the character of sin. **By faith in the work and power of Christ, enmity against sin and Satan is created in his heart.**" {Ellen White: RH, 1. April 1890 par. 5}
- "**THE ONLY DEFENSE** against **EVIL** is the indwelling of **CHRIST in the heart** through faith in His righteousness." {Ellen White: DA, p. 324}

Falsifications: The ONLY defense against sin is the **HOLY SPIRIT:**

- "**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." {Ellen White: RH, May 19, **1904** par. 3}
- "The prince of the **POWER** of **EVIL** can **ONLY BE HELD** in check by the **POWER of God in the THIRD person of the Godhead, the HOLY SPIRIT.**" {Ellen White: SpT, Series A, No. 10, p. 37. 1897 and Ellen White: Evangelism, p. 617}

While in the Bible itself we find nothing about the Trinity or the Triune God, in contrast, many pagan nations celebrate the so-called "Divine" triads. The Romans prayed to Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva; the Egyptians prayed to Amun Re and Ptah; the Hindus to Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva; the Greeks to Zeus, Poseidon and Adonis, etc. When the Catholic Church was founded after the apostolic age, not only was the Sunday calendar accepted, but also the pagan concept of the Trinity. This form of belief, built on Greek philosophy, was fully and finally formulated in Constantinople (325ad) in 381ad.

The Trinity is the basic pillar of the Catholic faith, and the Catholic Church itself gives the following definition:

- "The mystery of the Most holy **TRINITY is the CENTRAL mystery** of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore **the SOURCE of ALL the other MYSTERIES of faith**, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." {Vatican Catechism, 234}

The saddest fact is that, while Catholics write openly that the teachings introduced by them have no basis in the Bible, those Whom God raised to proclaim the three angel's message vigorously defend these same delusions:

- "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}

Many Adventists believe that the majority cannot be wrong, or **think that the issue is not that important**, and that mentioning this topic to others only leads to conflict. But if the prophet Elijah and the 7,000 believers had had this same view, they would have prayed directly to Baal, and would have fallen in apostasy! **The TRINITY directly tramples on the FIRST COMMANDMENT** because it teaches faith in a false additional "God" the holy Spirit. And the first commandment speaks clearly that we need to believe only in the true God! Our DUTY before God is to reveal the whole truth to honest hearts, and allow them to make their decision before the end of the time of probation comes.

- "Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: **because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin**, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; **but his blood will I require at thine hand**. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is **warned**; **also thou hast delivered thy soul**." {Ezekiel 3:20,21}

At the end of the time of probation, all the saved will keep the 10 commandments in full depth!

- "**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}
- "Those who believe on Christ and **obey His commandments** are not under bondage to God's law; for to those who believe and obey, **His law is not a law of bondage, but of liberty**. Every one who believes on Christ, every one who relies on the keeping power of a risen Saviour that has suffered the penalty pronounced upon the transgressor, every one who resists temptation and in the midst of evil copies the pattern given in the Christ-life, will through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption i.e. in the world through lust. Every one who by faith obeys God's commandments, **will reach the condition of SINLESSNESS in which Adam lived before his transgression.**" {Ellen White: ST July 23, 1902, par. 14}