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LOUD CRY OF THE FOURTH ANGEL REV.18:1-4

INTRODUCTION

I undertake this study of the holy spirit with the earnest desire not to cause controversy or division, but to establish a basis of understanding between two ideas of thought. By no means do I suggest compromise, I seek only to establish truth.

The object of this lesson is to mark off all inroads of the heathen encroachments and Papal wine of false doctrines from our belief. Rev.18:4 "come out of her My people."

One of the false teachings from the wine cup of Babylon is the doctrine about God. There has been controversy for some time over this subject. It is true that our founding fathers as a corporate body did not believe in a trinity. In fact they were steadfastly opposed to this papal teaching because it denied the sonship of Christ and the fatherhood of the Father. It is for this reason I give this study so that the truth can be established from the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy.

As we begin this study I would like to suggest a mental exercise. Imagine, if you will, that the holy spirit is the personal presence of the Father and the Son, and not a different and separate God belonging to the Godhead. This will be revolutionary to many, but if you will grant this request it will be appreciated. This is after all a type of the thought pattern that Jesus advocated in His teachings while here on earth. Here is the record:

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings 147:1

"His (Christ's) words struck at the very root of their former ideas and opinions; to obey His teachings would require a change in all their habits of thought and action, It would bring them into collision with their religious teachers; for it would involve the overthrow of the whole structure which for generations the Rabbis had been rearing." We also read in the spirit of prophecy 6T 155:1 "many of our teachers have much to unlearn and much of a different character to learn. Unless they are willing to do this,--unless they become thoroughly familiar with the word of God and their minds are absorbed in studying the glorious truths concerning the life of the Great

Teacher,--they will encourage the very errors the Lord is seeking to correct."

I will present a whole different way of looking at the Godhead of which there is irrefutable evidence that the founders of this church held. We are told that they had built our beliefs on an immovable and solid platform. Here it is in 1 Spiritual Gifts 168 & 169. "I was shown three steps--one, two and three--the first, second and third angels' messages. Said the angel, Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received. I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. Step by step had God brought them along, until he had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. Then I saw individuals as they approached the platform, before stepping upon it examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the laying of the foundation of the platform. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier." ... They were told to cease their complaints, "For God was the master-builder, and they were fighting against him." It just might be that they had it right! And if you do not think the same you can always go back to your former way of thought. We all know that a person convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. I do not want to go against your will. I will show an alternate way of considering the personality of the Father and the Son. I will show what our founding fathers along with E. G. W. believed concerning the personality of the God. It just may be the way God would want us to understand. It is, after all is considered, the truth!

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask You to send Your holy spirit to help us understand the truth that we might receive the blessings You want to bestow on each of us. Please forgive our sins and give us a humble spirit of learning that we might

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please You. I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are told that the beliefs we once held were founded on an immovable platform. That not one pin or block was to be moved. The pillars of our faith have been established by God Himself and none has the right to change them. We are told that new light would never contradict old light but would only support it. In the Paulson Collection 208:4 we are told; "God never contradicts himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise, and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks." Dear brothers and sisters, this church was a non-trinitarian group of believers until after Mrs. White's death. Since then certain leaders have come in and changed our original beliefs. We must return to the old platform of belief or, I believe, we will surely be lost! Just as those who rejected the truth in 1844.

This study is a call to return to the pillars of our faith that was delivered to us at the first. This is not a call to separate from or condemn the church. It is a call to revival and reformation.

For this study I would like to use one of William Miller's "rules of interpretation" for understanding Bible doctrine. Rule #4 is an excellent guide for effective Biblical understanding.

RULE #4: "TO UNDERSTAND DOCTRINE, BRING ALL SCRIPTURE TOGETHER ON THE SUBJECT YOU WISH TO KNOW, THEN LET EVERY WORD HAVE ITS PROPER INFLUENCE, AND IF YOU CAN FORM YOUR THEORY WITHOUT A CONTRADICTION, YOU CANNOT BE IN AN ERROR.

PROOF: Is.28:7-29; Prov. 19:27; Luke 24:27, 44, 45; Rom.16:25, 26; 2nd Peter 1:19, 20.

It is important that we allow the Bible to be its own interpreter. We must allow the Bible to verify any statement and then for the second witness, the spirit of prophecy.

To begin let us look at John 14:15-18. Verse 15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If we love Jesus we

will pay attention to what the Scriptures teach and then obey!

In verse 16 the word "another" is word #G243 in Strong's. The word is "allos" and means "another numerically but of the same kind," from Lexical Aids to the New Testament. In Matthew 12:13 this same word is used. "Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the **other**," (**Allos**). Notice it is the same person but his other hand. The Comforter is the same person as Christ but a different manifestation.

In Matthew 5:39 we are told, "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the **other** also." (**Allos**) Once again the same person but the other side of his face. This shows that allos translated "another" does not always mean a different person.

Next is the word "Comforter" Strong #G3875 "Parakletos ... used by the Greek writers of a legal advisor, pleador, proxy, or advocate, one who comes forward on behalf of and as a representative of another. Christ designates the holy spirit as 'Paraclete' (John 14:16) and He calls Him allos, (#G243), another, which means another of equal quality (and not heteras [#G2087], another of different quality)" (Lexical Aids to the New Testament).

In John 14:17, the Spirit is called the Spirit of truth. In John 14:6 Jesus is called the truth, both Jesus and the holy spirit are called "truth", because of this Jesus was able to say in verse 18 "**I** will not leave you comfortless: **I** will come to you." The word "**I**" is a personal pronoun and represents the person speaking. That person is Christ. Mrs. White agrees with John 14:18 in VOL. 8 MR. 49:3. It reads: "The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be." Christ is our Comforter and is also the truth.

Who does John say Jesus is? 1 John 2:1. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate, (parakletos Strong's #G3875) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Jesus is our advocate which is our parakletos.

In John 14:16 the word comforter (Strong's #G3875 parakletos). In 1 John 2:1 the same word parakletos is

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used to represent Christ as our advocate. Parakletos is used in both places, It would seem that to John's mind they were both the same person. It was John that made both statements, do you think he may not have understood what he was saying? I think he understood.

I hope we all understand that the comforter is the holy spirit. I have been taught that since I was just a child. We know this is true because John 14:17 calls the comforter the spirit of truth and declares that the spirit dwells in us.

Just six verses later in John 14:23 we are told "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Here we have the Father and the Son dwelling within us if we love Jesus. Also Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." It is the same spirit in both the Father and the Son dwelling us. Does it not say in John 4:23, 24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit and in truth**.

Whose spirit is it that the Father sends forth? Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Whose spirit is sent forth? It is the Son's spirit, not a third person called "the holy spirit". When we receive the Son's spirit we also receive the Father's spirit because they have the same spirit.

Luke must have understood this because in Acts 20:28. He tells us "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the **holy ghost** hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which **He** hath purchased with **His own blood**."

NOTE: Let's look at this verse closely. What is the antecedent of the phrase "purchased with His own blood?" It would be "over which the holy ghost hath made you overseers". "Which **He** purchased with **His own blood**." Was it the holy spirit or Christ who purchased the church? By His own blood—"He" and "His" are personal pronouns, therefore, "He" and "His" represent Christ, the

one who did the purchasing. This also seems to identifies Christ as the holy spirit.

It would be evident from this and Paul's statement in 2nd Cor.3:17, 18 "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**", or of the **Lord the spirit** (margin). This definitely shows the holy spirit to indeed be Christ the only begotten Son of God! The holy spirit is actually Jesus manifested without human frailties and encumbrances. See MR 14 49:3 quoted later.

Let us look in review, we see in John 4:24. "God is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit and in truth**. In 1st Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." In 2nd Corinthians 3:17, 18 (text already given) it says that Christ "is that spirit" indicating that Christ is the holy spirit. And In Romans 8:9 we are told, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his." Look at what John 14:23 says: "Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come unto him, and make our abode with him**." It is clear that both Father and Son have the same Spirit! Therefore the holy spirit is the personal presence of both.

Now let's see how 1Cor.2:11 helps us understand that it is the Father's and Son's spirit that is given: "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." The word spirit does not indicate a different God, but is referring to God himself!

The Hebrew word for spirit is Ruach, "it means air for breathing, air that is being breathed, breath of the nostrils, sniffing, snorting, and the breath of one's mouth, (Psalms 33:6) **the creative word of God. ... The air put in motion by divine breath** (Isaiah 11:4)".

The Lexical Aid of the Old Testament goes on to say "it can denote the rational mind as the seat of the senses affections and emotions of various kinds, the mode of thinking and action, the human will, ...Eventually, Ruach

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came to mean the entire immaterial consciousness of man." As it is a definition of man's spirit so is it meant for a definition for God's spirit because in 1st Cor. 2:10-12 Paul tells us "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 man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so (likewise; in like manner. Strong's def. of even so) the things of God knoweth no man but the spirit of God." The spirit of God is represented by the mind and breath of God it is not a third person in the Godhead. Remember rule #4 "let each word have its proper influence on the subject."

I could not with any reasonable certainty, know when to apply these definitions of the spirit. They made no rational sense to me. When was the Spirit wind, or breath, or anger, or when was it the mind of God? Then I came across a statement in **YI. June 28, 1894:9**. I quote- "Who is Christ? -He is the only begotten Son of the living God. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought, - as a thought made audible. Christ is the Word of God." See John 1:1, 2.

After some contemplation on this statement it dawned on me that these definitions of the spirit do not represent categories of the spirit's functions but are the definition of the spirit itself. They are definitions of that which composes the spirit of God.

In Genesis 2:7 When God created man He created us in His own image. He formed a body out of dust. Next He breathed into his nostrils the spirit and man became a living soul which included his mind. Here is how I perceived the spirit. A body has a voice box, vocal cords along with the lungs acting as bellows to move the air through the vocal cords, and then there is the mind. It takes the mind to originate thought, it takes thought to form the words with the mouth and tongue. It takes air passing over and through the vocal cords to make sound and then the mouth and tongue to articulate words. Jesus is the Father's thought made audible. His words are the expressions of His Father's thoughts. How do we make thoughts audible, or how do we communicate thought? We do this through speech. These things are the things that make up the spirit. If I am a liar, a swearer, taking Gods name in vain, you know immediately what kind of person I am because the spirit does not speak of himself

but only tells what the mind is thinking. Or what is on the mind, for it is the mind.

It is the same with God's spirit. It only reveals what is on God's mind. It is not someone else, it is Himself, his own thoughts being revealed. John 14:10. "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." Jesus is God's thought made audible! It is the spirit of the Father that is in Christ, not a different god called the holy spirit.

I hope you can see that all these parts combined make up the spirit of God. This makes clear what the disciples received when Christ breathed on them and said "receive ye the holy ghost" (or spirit). John 20:22. Please understand it was both Christ's and the Father's spirit that the disciples received.

You and I are also spirits. Our spirit does not form a separate being but is in reality, ourselves. There are not two of you. It is the same with God. The difference is we cannot do what God can do by sending out His spirit everywhere. That is a mystery. Listen to what Mrs. White says about this ability.

Bible Echo, Jan. 15, 1893:8

"By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you". Put that quote in your mind, on a shelf and remember it, we will come back to it later.

Jesus tried to explain this phenomenon to the disciples but they could not understand how Jesus would manifest Himself to them and not to the world. Judas (not Iscariot) asked "How is it that thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world?" By this it is evident that the disciples understood that the comforter was actually Jesus. Here is one of Mrs. White's comments that make this phenomena, of Christ himself being the spirit, clear.

MR #14, 23:2 1895

"Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the holy spirit to be His successor on earth. The holy spirit is Himself (Christ) divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He (Christ) would

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represent **Himself as present in all places by His holy spirit, as the Omnipresent.**

NOTE: Remember that quote I told you to put on a shelf in your mind. About the spirit of the Father and Son making their abode with us. Well it's time to refer to it now. While Jesus was on this earth the closest He could be to His disciples was by their side. Christ wanted a closer connection, He wanted to actually be inside them, and He wanted to be one with His followers! By uniting His spirit with ours, that is, His mind with ours, is the only way He could truly be one with us like he is with His Father. See John 17:22. "The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of the mind and will of the Infinite God. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 17}" In Heb. 8:10 2nd part. We are told, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts," And in Philippians 2:5 It says "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." By combining His mind with our mind we actually become one with Jesus and His Father. It is Jesus Himself who is the holy spirit! It is not another Jesus, nor is it a different or third divine being. Jesus is literally the holy spirit divested of His humanity (MR 14 23:2 1895) who comes in the person of himself. Col 1:26, 27 "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saint: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you,** the hope of glory." Listen how Mrs. White explains John 14:22 so that Judas' question is answered.

Southern Review Sept. 13, 1898:2

"That **Christ should manifest Himself** to them, and ye be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. They were thinking of the outward, visible manifestation. They could not take in the fact that they **could have the presence of Christ with them,** and yet He be unseen by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation." By this it is evident that the disciples understood that it was literally Jesus who was to come as the comforter.

It is the spirit in latter rain abundance that we desire to be poured upon us. Let us see just what the latter rain is. Who is the former and latter rain according to Hosea 6:3? "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD:

his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**"

NOTE: All the letters in LORD are capitals and is pronounced Yahweh. Name for the Father. It is He Who sends the former and latter rain through Jesus? It is the LORD your God (Yahweh your Elohim).

What is, and who sends this rain according to Isaiah 44:2, 3? "Thus saith the LORD (Yahweh) that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour My spirit** upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring." Here it is the Father identified again as the Spirit that is being poured out.

What must happen before the latter rain is poured out? Joel 2:27, 28. "And ye shall know **that I am in the midst of Israel,** and that I am **the LORD your God, (Yahweh your Elohim)** and none else: and My people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to **pass afterward,** that I will pour out **My spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." Notice: It is after the Lord is in the heart or midst of his people, Israel, that the latter rain is given.

All of this evidence from the Bible shows that the spirit or comforter is actually Jesus Christ and His Father that is living within each one of us! There is not, from all the evidence I have been able to glean from the Bible, a third person as the holy spirit.

Now I want to turn to the spirit of prophecy for the second witness that Christ is the comforter—the holy spirit! I will first show that Sister White never changed her belief but remained true to what God had revealed to her from her girlhood. She never became a believer in the trinity!

There are many who do not know that the position held by the founders of the S.D.A. church on the dual Godhead was one of the pillars of our faith that was not to be altered or changed. Any future revelations on the subject was not to change that belief but could only make it more clear. **8T 325:1.** The person who has a knowledge of God "does

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not test the Bible by man's ideas of science. He brings these ideas to the test of the unerring standard. He knows that God's word is truth, and **truth can never contradict itself**; whatever in the teaching of so-called science contradicts the truth of God's revelation is mere human guesswork." {8T 325.1}.

How did the trinity doctrine get the preeminence and become one of our doctrines? This is a study that is very fruitful and informative. I will not go into it here but I hope you will study it on your own. Please understand it will be difficult to dig out because it is not a subject that is on the front page so to speak. It took 65 years from Sister White's death until the trinity doctrine was accepted as a fundamental belief in 1980.

There are two statements from E.G. White's writings that address this point about two specific pillars of our faith. The first is found in: MR. 760 9:5, 6. "Those **who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard**. 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. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor." {MR760, 9:5}

"Those who claim to be identified with the message that God has given us **should have keen, clear spiritual perceptions, that they may distinguish truth from error**. The word spoken by the messenger of God is "Wake up the watchmen." "If men will discern the **spirit of the messages given** and strive to find out **from what source they come, the Lord God of Israel will guard them from being led astray**. But God is not to be trifled with." {MR760 9:6} The other statement is found in R.H. March 8. 1906:19, 20.

"**He who denies the personality** (the love of a Father for his Son) **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**, (love relation between Father and Son) **you will be joined together with him in love. There will be seen**

that union for which Christ prayed just before his trial and crucifixion." Par. 20 is taken from John 17:21-23. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

NOTE: Some say that Mrs. White converted to believe in the trinity after her husband died. And that conversion is evidenced in some of the statements made in Desire of Ages about the Godhead which was copy written in 1898. But when asked in 1906 if she at that time still believed the same and taught the same as in former years this was her reply written in 1906, this is 8 years after Desires of Ages was published. The following is her response.

"I understood that some were anxious to know if Mrs. White still held the **same views** that she did years ago when they had heard her speak in the sanitarium grove, in the Tabernacle, and at the camp meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. I assured them that the **message** she bears today is the same that she has borne during the **sixty years of her public ministry**. She has the same service to do for the Master that was laid upon her in her girlhood. She **receives lessons from the same Instructor**. The directions given her are, 'Make known to others what I have revealed to you. Write out the messages that I give you, that the people may have them.' This is what she has endeavored to do." {1SM 35.2}.

NOTE: It is obvious, from this statement and others, that she made no shift in belief from what was previously taught as the pillars of our faith before 1906. If you subtract 60 years from 1906 it gives you 1846. That is the middle of the very years in which our founding fathers were discovering the pillars of our faith which could not be changed. New light would only establish more firmly the truth that had already been confirmed. Truth cannot change else it was never truth. Never would new light counter or destroy established truth. Truth is truth and cannot be altered. So it is obvious that any teachings that would alter the established truth, even though taken from the spirit of prophecy, would have to be taken outside

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their connection to support such a theory. (Out of context).

Now we will look at statements which confirm that there are only two persons in the Godhead and not three, Signs of the Times, October 14, 1897:3 "In order that the human family might have no excuse because of temptation, Christ became one with them. **The only being who was one with God lived the law in humanity, descended to the lowly life of a common laborer, and toiled at the carpenter's bench with his earthly parent.** He lived the life which he requires of all who claim to be his children. Thus was cut off the powerful argument of Satan that God required of humanity a self-denial and subjection that he would not himself render. The weapons that Satan designed to use against God, were taken from his hands."

We are told in "YI July 7, 1898:2" **"The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted."** Again in GC. 493:1. "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 councils and purposes of God."

NOTE: If the Father and Son alone are to be the only ones exalted, and if Christ the only begotten Son of God is the only being in all the universe that can enter into all the purposes and councils of God, and if Christ is the only being who is one with God, there cannot be a third co-eternal, co-equal, co-eval person in the Godhead? Doesn't Mark tell us "there is one God; and there is none other but He." Mark 12:32, this refers to the Father as supreme. The first commandment of the ten says: Exodus 20:3. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." What are we really saying when we say there are three who are co-equal in the Godhead? That means there are three Gods, not just one.

The sanctuary bears this truth out in the holy place at the table of show bread, this was the place of God's throne before 1844, for there are only two crowns around that table showing that there are only two divine beings on the throne. There is no third crown. There is no third divine being depicted here! Also there are only two piles of bread representing only two (2) who are the bread of life not three!

7T. 273:1. It reads: "In giving us His spirit, God gives us **Himself** making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world." **R.H. April 5, 1906:12.** "It is **the spirit that quickeneth;** the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life. **Christ is not here referring to His doctrine but to His person,** the divinity of His character." It is the spirit that is his person. This explains the three dignitaries in heaven.

I suppose that if everything was written that could be written on this subject you could fill a library. I know this short study does not exhaust this subject by any means but I have tried to incorporate enough to make you question the churches' present stand on the trinity doctrine. I hope you will want to know more about this lost truth of Adventism and how this early belief was lost sight of. I hope all of you will look into it and not disregard it as of no importance. The holy spirit's identity is of extreme importance for us to know seeing as we are pleading for the latter rain to come and fill us. I want to be sure the right spirit falls on me. Don't you? Let us pray:

Holy Father I thank You for the truth about the holy spirit, may we be receptive of Your truth. Please let it have effect on Your chosen ones. We know You will answer this prayer because I ask it in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

I have not addressed the quotes in the book Evangelism in this study which are used to support the trinity because it would make the study very long. Please understand this. Every quote given in Evangelism concerning the trinity doctrine has been taken out of context. Half sentences and partial paragraphs have been quoted and do not reflect what Mrs. White was really saying. Please go to the original quotes and do not read just what that book gives as the quotation. Here is what Mrs. White had to say about this. 3SM 82:3 & 82:2 "Why will not men see and live the truth? Many study the Scriptures for the purpose of proving their own ideas to be correct. They change the meaning of God's Word to suit their own opinions. And thus they do also with the testimonies that He sends. They quote half a sentence, leaving out the other half, which, if quoted, would show their reasoning to be false. God has a controversy with those who wrest the Scriptures, making them conform to their preconceived ideas.--Manuscript

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22, 1890. It seems impossible for me to be understood by those who have had the light but have not walked in it. What I might say in private conversations would be so repeated as to make it mean exactly opposite to what it would have meant had the hearers been sanctified in mind and spirit. I am afraid to speak even to my friends, for afterwards I hear, Sister White said this, or Sister White said that. My words are so wrested and misinterpreted that I am coming to the conclusion that the Lord desires me to keep out of large assemblies and refuse private interviews. What I say is reported in such a perverted light that it is new and strange to me. **It is mixed with words spoken by men to sustain their own theories.**"--Letter 139, 1900, 5. (To the Officers of the General Conference. Oct. 24, 1900.). {3SM 82:2 & 83:3}.

Here is just one example of several: In the treatise that follows. The portion **highlighted in yellow** is that which is presented in Evangelism 615:2, and is used to say that Christ is as eternal as the Father and therefore equal in every way as is the Father! While Christ is equal with the Father in character and authority, yet He does not assume the permanence.

Everything in red is the portion that was left out of the original document found in ST. Aug. 29, 1900:13-15 which shows that Christ did have an origin sometime in eternity past before creation began! This of necessity mandates that Christ is younger than the Father! How can a son be as old as his father? That is impossible.

"Before Abraham was, I am. 'Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God.' The message He gave to Moses to give to the children of Israel was, 'Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.' The prophet Micah writes of Him, 'But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of Thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.'" {ST, August 29, 1900 par. 13}

NOTE: Everlasting does not always mean with no beginning because in Jonah 2:6 the same word is translated "forever" and means only three days. Which had a beginning. "The basic meaning of olam (#H5769 Strong's) is most distant times." LEXICAL AIDS. Let's continue with Signs of the times, par. 14.

"Through Solomon Christ declared: 'The Lord possessed me in the **beginning of His way**, before His works of old. **I was set up from ever-lasting**, (same word olam) from the beginning, (beginning of journey, Strong's) or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was **brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was **I brought forth** ... When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; then I was by Him, as **one brought up with Him**; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.'" ("One brought up in training" {Strong's word #H525} Lexical Aids renders it "one brought up a son [in training] {ST, August 29, 1900 par. 14}. Quoted from Proverbs 8:22-30. (Emphasis added). Christ was always by His side after being brought forth.

"In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him." ("Brought up Means to foster or train: one brought up [i.e. A Son]") from Lexical Aids of the "COMPLETE WORD STUDY OLD TESTAMENT" {ST, August 29, 1900 par. 15}. Notice how much was left out of the quote, how it talks of the very beginning of Christ's existence. This is an example of manipulating what E.G.W. actuality meant. This is adding to and taking from the word of God. They have tried to alter the meaning of the statement to convey just the opposite of her intent which was to show Christ did have beginning of days, to mean, Christ did not have beginning of days.

This is the case in all of the spirit of prophecy quotes used in support of a trinity doctrine. These quotes will be addressed in future studies. If not taken out of context with the immediate text it is definitely out of context with the rest of her writings on the subject of the Godhead.

It is like the false belief over an eternal burning hell. By taking a few text that seem to indicate eternal torment and ignoring all the texts that declare it to be a destruction and complete annihilation of the inmates, they make a false doctrine that leads many to perdition.

THE GODHEAD

LESSON #1

What I have given in this lesson is a reemphasis of the first angel's message of Revelation 14:6-8 "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." Rev.14:7. It is impossible to truly worship God if we have a misconception of who He really is. "For the hour of His judgment is come." Not the judgment of the dead, that began in 1844, no this is the judgment of the living here brought to view, and it is beginning now. We do not have much time left. "The angel said to them, 'Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that God has prepared for those who love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye may live. **Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have,** for the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and **to destroy the sinners thereof out of it.** Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar--self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory. Lay up for

yourselves treasure in heaven, where no thief can approach or rust corrupt. **Ye must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here if ye would be partakers with Him of His glory** hereafter.'" {EW 66.2}

Dear brothers, and sisters we do not have much time left to get ready to meet the LORD of glory. Please take heed to the message. Amen.

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