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THE LOUD CRY OF THE FOURTH ANGEL REVELATION 18:1-4

INTRODUCTION

Several have suggested that DA. 671:2 as proof that there are three persons in the Godhead. I know there is a desire in everyone to defend the belief we hold, and I support such defense. But we must be certain that what we believe and defend is the truth! Let us look at this statement in its context to see if a third separate and distinct god other than the Father and Son is really what Mrs. White was intending to convey with this statement.

I will give both the first and second paragraphs of DA. 671 for your consideration. But before we start in the Desire of Ages just a couple of comments.

There are some who will not study controverted points of doctrine because they feel that they may be misled by what they read. We are told that the study of truth will not diminish truth in any particular but will only strengthen it. We must study controverted points of doctrine to be settled into truth otherwise how can we really know what is truth?

R.H. September 28, 1897:4. “God has given his word, and is this not sufficient? Can you not hear his voice in his word? If you will use God's appointed means, and **diligently search the Scriptures**, having a **determined purpose to obey the truth, you will know the doctrine whether it be of God**; but God will never work a miracle to compel you to see his truth.” (Emphasis mine) Your belief of the truth must be based only on evidence.

3 Selected Messages 82:3. “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, (or paragraph) 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 precon-

ceived ideas.” Manuscript 22, 1890. {3SM 82.3}(Emphasis mine).

NOTE: The truth is to shine forth! No truth can be gained while one part of the Word, or spirit of Prophecy is held at odds with another portion. They must be made to harmonize in order for truth to be known and understood! This harmony will result when all statements on a particular subject are gathered and considered, letting each word have its proper influence, in context, this will cause us to rightly interpret the information! You will not be led astray if your conclusion is in harmony with the word written. Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask for Your spirit to be with all who study this lesson. May wisdom and understanding be given from on high. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

When the statement in DA. 671:2 “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.” Is considered by itself the idea of three distinct persons in the Godhead seems reasonable. But when other statements of Sister White are considered, then a different understanding is most definitely implied. Following are two such statements.

YI. July 7, 1898:2. “Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. **The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.**”

St. October 14, 1897:3. “**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.” Is considered with DA. 671:2 how can Christ be the only being who is one with the Father and also the Father and Son alone are to be exalted if there are three who are equal and very God. If this is true then there is a real problem with the truthfulness of the Spirit of

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Prophecy! Remember all statements must harmonize to establish truth!

We know that truth does not contradict! So there must be something we are not understanding about the quote from Desire of Ages, we need to consider more of the context of that statement and see what we find!

I will present DA. 671:1, 2. For more context “The Comforter is called **“the Spirit of truth.”** His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and **thus He becomes the Comforter.** There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. **It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind.** By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the holy spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. **It is by the spirit of truth,** working through the word of God, **that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself.**” {DA 671.1} This statement requires that the spirit of truth is none other than Christ Himself. Let us continue with paragraph 2.

“In describing to His disciples the office work of the holy spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The holy spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. **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.** It is the spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **Christ** has given **His spirit** as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated

tendencies to evil, and to **impress His own character upon His church.**” {DA 671.2}

The part highlighted in yellow in the previous paragraph is the portion that is most often quoted when being used to support the belief that there are three separate divine individuals in the Godhead. When used by itself without the context it can be understood to represent three Gods. But when paragraph 1 and the rest of paragraph 2 is considered it becomes obvious that this is not the case. We see that the **“spirit of truth”** first dwells in the heart and **“thus He becomes the comforter”** In **8MR 49:3 written on July 16, 1892:** “The **Saviour is our Comforter** this I have proved Him to be.” This shows that the holy spirit is none other than Jesus Himself. In **14 MR 84:3.** **“The holy spirit is the spirit of Christ,** which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.” And finally, in the new releases of the spirit of Prophecy we are told plainly in letter 66, written on April 10, 1894. **“We want the holy spirit, which is Jesus Christ.”** And if the spirit is the spirit of truth and Jesus is the truth, John 14:6, it stands to reason that they are both one and the same person! Not two separate and different Gods. The holy spirit is Jesus and is called the spirit of Jesus, His spirit, or My spirit.

In DA. 671 in the last sentence of paragraph one we read “it is by the spirit of truth, working through the Word of God, that **Christ** subdues His chosen people **to Himself.**” It is obvious that Christ as the spirit is doing the work. Here is proof! OHC. 76:5. “There is no power in you **apart from Christ,** but it is your privilege to **have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and He can overcome sin in you,** when you cooperate with His efforts.” Again in DA.324:1 **“The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.** Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin.” This is the holy spirit in the person of Christ making this vital connection with Himself.

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In paragraph 2 of DA. 671 in the last sentence, the same concept is addressed. “Christ has given **His spirit.**”

In John 4:24 we are told: “God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” Are we not made in the image of God? Do we not have a spirit also? Yes 1Cor. 2:11-13: “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man **which is in him?** Even so (G3778; in this way, (or) after (in) this manner, Strong’s) 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.** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the holy ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” (Emphasis mine).

God can send His spirit to dwell within us, something we cannot do. How He does that I cannot say, it is a mystery.

When I first began to study about the spirit I could not understand the definition given in Strong’s Concordance. The definition given is “air, wind, breath, breath of the mouth, mind.” And in Lexical aid to the New Testament it states: “Intellect, it can be understood as the entire **immaterial** intellect of man” (or of God).

The holy spirit is the word of the Father given to Jesus and He communicates that word to us through the breath of His mouth, the voice with His mind controlling the thought and articulation of the sentences to make since. It is God’s word made audible, and is the **immaterial** essence of God. That is without bodily form.

The holy spirit is Christ’s mind without the encumbrances of humanity to restrict Him. This allows Him to abide within each of us as the holy spirit. And by the spirit being Christ it is easy to see why E. G. White can declare that the holy spirit is a person without causing a problem of explaining a third God being with the Father and Son. With this understanding there is no problem with stating that the Father and Son alone are to be exalted in heaven. I hope this

gives you a better understanding about the holy spirit and who He really is.

In Hebrews 8:10. We are told. “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”

R.H. September 27, 1881:17. “The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of **the mind and will of the Infinite God.**”

NOTE: Because that same law is to be written within our minds, then we are to have God’s will and mind combined with our mind.

Philippians 2:5. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” To have the mind of Christ is to have the mind of the Father also for they have the same mind!

I have taken you directly to the Spirit of Prophecy and the Word of God, the Bible, for every point of doctrine to prove the duo occupancy of the Godhead, showing how those supporting the trinity ignore the very portions of the Word, and the testimonies that prove their theories to be in error. It is not safe to use a compilation of E.G.W’S. writings to establish doctrine because they can and are sometimes biased to the belief of the compilers!

We see that the holy spirit is the mind of the Father and Son, and by the new covenant, and Philippians 2:5 we are to have Christ’s mind placed within our minds. This is what Christ had in mind when He said in John 17:22, 23. “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.”

This is the out pouring of the spirit in latter rain proportion. Let us pray:

Father, I thank You for Your holy spirit. May he bless and keep all those whom You have chosen as Your children! I ask this prayer in the name of Your only begotten Son, Jesus. Amen.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND IN ANY WAY PLEASE WRITE TO:

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PS. Some have cited Matthew 28:19 as proof of the trinity doctrine. What I am about to reveal to you may shock some, some may flat deny it, but it is, none the less, an absolute fact.

“**Introduction to Christianity**” by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger pages 82-83, 1968 EDITION.

“The basic form of our (Matthew 28:19 Trinitarian) profession of faith took shape during the course of the second and third centuries in connection with the ceremony of baptism. So far as its place of origin is concerned, the text came from the city of Rome. The Trinity baptism and text of Matthew 28:19 therefore did not originate from the original Church that started in Jerusalem around AD 33. It was rather as **the evidence proves a later invention of Roman Catholicism completely fabricated.** Very few know about these historical facts.” (Bold underlining mine).

In “The Demonstratio Evangelica” by Eusebius:

Eusebius was the church historian and bishop of Caesarea. On page 152 He quotes the early book of Matthew that he had in his library in Caesarea. According to this eyewitness of an unaltered Book of Mathew that could have been the original book or the first copy of the original of Matthew. Eusebius informs us of Jesus’ actual words to his disciples in the original text of Matthew 28:19: (quote) “With one word and voice He said to His disciples. ‘Go, and make disciples of all nations in My Name, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” that “Name” is Jesus.

Are we not told in Daniel 7:25 that the woman who sits on the beast would “think to change times and **laws.**” Here we have her changing the very words of Christ. That is a fulfillment of this prophecy!

In Daniel 8:24 it says “And his power shall be mighty, **but not by his own power;** and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people,”

There are no reins in the woman’s hands that sits on the Beast. This indicates that she does not control the beast on which she rides but the beast is in control of the scarlet woman! The text says “not by his own power!”

Daniel 8:25. “And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” This also refers to Satan!

The doctrine of the trinity is the foundational doctrine upon which all the other false doctrines of the anti-Christian Church are founded! How did the whore bewitch the S.D.A. Church to accept wine from her cup of abominations? Remember the whore is not in control, but the dragon, which is Satan. So it must be Satan’s doctrines that are the wine! Sometimes we do not think for ourselves but allow the “brethren” (the Church) to tell us what to believe. Looks like some wolves in sheep’s cloths have entered in, not sparing the flock!

How have we become part of Babylon? Why has the Church joined in rebellion against God!

OH Father! Deliver and protect us from the wolves and the wine of Babylon. In Jesus name. Amen.

Virgil