

Was Ellen White a Trinitarian?

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Introduction

The following is for those who read the writings of Ellen White and follow the Spirit of Prophecy. Over 100 quotes from the Adventist pioneers and Ellen White are given that reveal what they believed on the Trinity.

Please see the previous page for the [history of how the Trinity doctrine entered the Seventh day Adventist Church](#) and for more of the quotes from Ellen White that were used to convince Adventists she had become a Trinitarian. These misunderstood quotes were gathered by LeRoy Froom with the deliberate intent on changing the Adventist Church over to the Trinity doctrine. Most are unaware of this and typically never investigate further and are convinced Ellen White became a Trinitarian.

The Adventist Church was raised by God to teach end time Bible prophecy and prepare the world for the upcoming mark of the beast. But this also means having the seal of the one true God. So is it a real Father and Son or is it a three in one god that is just role playing? It is a huge difference and our salvation depends on getting this right.

Was Ellen White a Trinitarian?

It is claimed that Ellen White became a Trinitarian before completing the Desire of Ages which she finished in 1895. This claim is based on a handful of quotes that LeRoy Froom had to search for that he rightly figured would be misunderstood. It is notable that Froom and those who helped him had to search over *one hundred thousand pages* that Ellen White wrote just to find the handful of statements from her that on the surface *appeared* to fit the Trinitarian concept on the Holy Spirit. But *only* if you choose to read them as such and at the expense of the *thousands* of non-Trinitarian statements she wrote. This would be a deceitful way to treat her writings if that was done, and certainly would be a dishonest way to determine what she believed. This should never be done with Scripture and neither should it be done with Ellen White.

While there are a handful of quotes that can be misunderstood in regards to the Holy Spirit in these *one hundred thousand plus pages* of her writings, there is not a single use of the Trinitarian phrase "God the Holy Spirit" or "God the Son" for that matter. Seventh day Adventists frequently use the phrase God the Holy Spirit but she never used it once. There is also not one use of the word trinity or even so much as a hint of the triune three in one formula in any way shape or form. Considering this is the core foundation of the trinity doctrine, than one might ask why is there not a single mention if Ellen White became a Trinitarian! The answer is obvious unless you are prejudiced.

And if you are reading this page with prejudice, you will never find the truth, "*The spirit in which you come to the investigation of the Scriptures will determine the character of the assistant at your side. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance. ... But if the heart is filled with prejudice, Satan is beside you, and he will set the plain statements of God's Word in a perverted light.*" — (Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p.108)

And while there are a handful of quotes that can be misunderstood in regards to the Holy Spirit, there is no misunderstanding that Ellen White right through her entire life states that Jesus is the literal Son of God, tore from the bosom of His Father which would make her non-Trinitarian. She is either Trinitarian or non-Trinitarian, but she cannot be both.

You will also discover that the writings of the pioneers are anti-Trinitarian and so it is also claimed that Ellen White at some point in time did not agree with them and chose not to rebuke them for what was supposedly wrong teaching. Yet Ellen White is not known for remaining silent when serious error is being taught. Not only that but God instructed her in 1905 to make sure the writings of the pioneers were reproduced even though they were anti-Trinitarian. So neither God or Ellen White had an issue with their anti-Trinitarian writings and that can only mean the non-Trinitarian view is correct. The Adventist pioneers that God chose to start His remnant Church were in fact brilliant people who knew this topic and the Bible many times better than most Adventists today. Read this letter from [J.S. Washburn on the trinity doctrine](#) for an example. This man had memorized the entire New Testament and had started on Isaiah! J.N. Andrews could also reproduce the entire New Testament from memory and could read the Bible in seven different languages.

While it is claimed that Ellen White changed and become a Trinitarian before 1895, you will soon discover that in 1905 she also stated that everything she wrote was what God bid her to write, and that God never asked her to change anything. God told her that what was truth in the beginning was still truth now. And that truth included the non-Trinitarian belief that was a God given Pillar of Faith. The truth is that the black pope admitted on video that the Jesuits were to bring the Adventist Church across to Rome. What is the central doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church that all other doctrines are based upon? The Trinity doctrine! So was Ellen White a Trinitarian at any time? Not a chance! Read on for all the evidence.

Who is the Holy Spirit According to Ellen White?

The quotes from LeRoy Froom are able to be misunderstood because the majority of Adventists, including Pastors, do not know how Ellen White speaks in regards to the Holy Spirit or who she says the Holy Spirit is. So Trinitarians instantly assume that she is referring to another literal being as per the trinity doctrine. But once you know who Ellen White says the Holy Spirit is, you will then know in fact that they are non-Trinitarian quotes. If you remember these next three points about how Ellen White speaks in her references to the Holy Spirit, then there is no reason to misunderstand the quotes from Froom.

1. Here is the most significant point. Ellen White frequently states that the *Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ* which is one reason why she refers to the Holy Spirit as a *person*. But she NEVER refers to the Holy Spirit as a BEING as she does the Father and Son. Note from these quotes how Ellen White refers to the Holy Spirit of Christ as a *person* with a *personality*. But note that it is NOT another literal being as so many Adventist Pastors and Christians frequently misunderstand.

“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.” — (Ellen G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84) — The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ!

“This refers to the omnipresence of the *Spirit of Christ*, called the Comforter.” — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.3) — The Spirit of Christ is also the Comforter.

“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* divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.” — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 23.3, 1895) — The Holy Spirit is Christ Himself by His Spirit.

“The holy Spirit is the comforter, as the *personal* presence of *Christ* to the soul.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 29, 1892) — The Holy Spirit is the Comforter which is the personal presence of Christ in you by His Spirit.

“The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.” — (Ellen G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 20, MR No. 1487) — The Holy Spirit is the Comforter as the person of Christ with a distinct personality.

“When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of **Christ**, remember that **He** is an unseen presence in the **person** of the Holy Spirit,” — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897) — Ellen White calls Christ by His Holy Spirit a person.

Ellen White also called the Holy Spirit the *third person* a few times, and so the third person is whoever she says the Holy Spirit is. She said *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ*, and hence the *third person* is the *Spirit of Christ*. Christ of course is a person even if it is by His Spirit. So when reading quotes that refer to *three* or the *third person*, remember that the third is always the *Spirit of Christ* and you will have no contradictions. The truth is then easily seen that she is *not* referring to a third *being* but to Christ through His Spirit. And for even more clarity, the following reveals ever so clearly how Ellen White saw the Godhead. So who does she reveal to be the “*third person*” of the Godhead? This was written at least fourteen years after it is claimed she became a Trinitarian and is consistent with all her writings.

The Godhead according to Ellen White. The *third person* is the Spirit of Christ, not another literal being.

“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 G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)

2. Ellen White also refers to the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Christ as a power. Keep this in mind when you read the misunderstood quotes from LeRoy Froom in regard to three great powers, three highest powers etc. She is not referring to the Holy Spirit as another literal being but to the Spirit of Christ which she calls a divine “power” which is also the presence and “power” of God. “**Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power.**” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 19, 1908). “*The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, November 23). The world's Redeemer of course is Christ and the divine Spirit He promised to send is His own Spirit to be our Comforter. “*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 divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.*” — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 23.3, 1895)

3. Some of Ellen White's writings speak of the Holy Spirit as if it is another entity while not giving clarity that she is referring to the Spirit of Christ. If you do not take careful note of this point, then you could become confused by some of her quotes. You may conclude she teaches the Holy Spirit is another being or that she contradicts herself. For example: Note carefully the above quote in the last point. In the first half of the quote she speaks as if Christ is going to return to the Father and send someone else called the Holy Spirit. That is all some of her quotes say and if you have not seen what else she writes that reveal who she is referring to, then you could easily conclude that she is referring to the Holy Spirit as another being. Now note carefully the last part of the quote. She unmistakably states that the Holy Spirit is Christ Himself. Talk about confusing if you do not notice that she writes this way or have not seen quotes like this and others where she ever so clearly states that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. The following three quotes reveal that she calls the Holy Spirit a divine, unseen, free working independent agency. Who is this independent agency? It is Christ by His Spirit. “*The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency.*” — (*Review and Herald*, May 5, 1896). “*and the Lord Jesus, the unseen, agency, by His Holy Spirit is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.*—Letter 105, 1900.” — (Ellen G. White, 2SM 18.3). Who is the Holy Spirit that she calls an independent agency? “*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts.*” — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895). Thus the Spirit of Christ can function independently in each person but there is no mistake as to who the Holy Spirit is.

4. Ellen White demonstrated a distinction between the words “person” and “being.” While she speaks of three persons or personalities and powers in the Godhead, she consistently identifies only two beings: The Father and His Son.

Here is how Ellen White saw the three PERSONS of the Godhead. “*They have **one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ**” — (*Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)*

Here is how she saw the three highest BEINGS in heaven *before* the fall of man. The Father, Son and Satan. “*Satan, next to Christ, was ... highest in power and glory.” — (*Signs of the Times*, July 23, 1902)*

Here is how she saw the three highest BEINGS in heaven *after* the fall of man. The Father, Son and Gabriel. “*It was Gabriel, the angel next in rank to the Son of God,*” — (*Desire of Ages*, p. 234)

Here is how she would have seen the three highest BEINGS in heaven if she was a Trinitarian. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Ellen White never used the Trinitarian phrases “God the Son” or “God the Holy Spirit” which are commonly used by Seventh day Adventists and Trinitarians. These phrases do not exist in Scripture and came from the Catholic Church. So Ellen White being non-Trinitarian never used them once in the one hundred thousand plus pages that she wrote!

As you can see, Ellen White could never be a Trinitarian considering how she saw the Godhead in 1909 as well as the three highest beings in heaven. While she refers to the Father, Son and the *Holy Spirit of Christ* as persons, she never refers to the Holy Spirit as a being. Her son knew she did not mean a third literal “being” but was still perplexed in trying to understand what his mother meant by a person. He concluded, “*My perplexities were lessened a little when I learned from the dictionary that one of the meanings of personality was characteristics. It is stated in such a way that I concluded that there might be personality without a bodily form, which is possessed by the Father and Son.*” (Letter from W.C. White to H.W. Carr, April 30, 1935). So if you miss this point, you could also misunderstand what she is saying. And noting this point further confirms that she never saw the Holy Spirit as a literal being. Thus her use of the word *person* in regards to the Holy Spirit has confused many including her own son. While she used the phrase *third person* to refer to the Spirit of Christ, she never used this phrase in relation to the trinity doctrine. If she had then she would have also used the phrases first and second person. But note that she never once used either of these phrases in her one hundred thousand plus pages of writings. Hence the phrase *third person* had a different meaning in the language of Ellen White that has also led to the abuse of her writings.

Some may say that Ellen White said “three highest beings” once but the White Estate tells us that this statement comes from a “*highly edited*” stenographer's report of a sermon she preached in 1906. It was also not transcribed and released for another “*seventy*” years. So this is not Ellen White's handwriting and it can never be unauthenticated. If one could ask her about this today, she would probably say, “*Why are you asking? Can't you see this contradicts my other work.*” This is what Ellen White wrote about unauthenticated reports, “*And now to all who have a desire for truth I would say: Do not give credence to unauthenticated reports as to what Sister White has done or said or written. If you desire to know what the Lord has revealed through her, read her published works.*” — (Ellen G. White, 5T 696.1). Most have the good sense not to use the quote but some in desperation occasionally do. Froom never used it either but he died before it was released.

From the above three points we find the following:

1. Ellen White unmistakably states in many ways that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is also the Comforter.
2. She often speaks of the Holy Spirit as another entity because the Spirit of Christ can work independently of Himself.
3. She also refers to the Spirit of Christ as a *person* with a *personality* for the same reason given above.
4. She reveals that the Godhead therefore has *three living personalities* but the third is the Spirit of Christ.
5. She shows the Godhead to be the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit of Christ, which she calls the third person.
6. She states that the Spirit of Christ is a *divine power* making *three great powers* in the Godhead.
7. Hence there are *three powers* in the Godhead but the *third person* and *power* is the Spirit of Christ, not another being.

If you keep these facts in mind you should never misread those handful of quotes from LeRoy Froom which he put in his book Evangelism. They are typically called ev615 - ev617 or Evangelism 615 - 617. To demonstrate this, I am going to give the three most difficult quotes from Ellen White that Froom used to try and prove she was a Trinitarian. Then I am going to give just a few quotes that will prove in fact that these are non-Trinitarian quotes.

*“The Holy Spirit always leads to the written word. **The Holy Spirit is a person**; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. ... **The Holy Spirit has a personality**, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God.”* — (Ellen G. White, MS 20, 1906) — Evangelism 616.6 and 617.1

The only quote we really need is one where Ellen White says, *“**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.”* — (14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84). Because this alone reveals that the above quote to be referring to the Spirit of Christ and not another literal being. But I will go further and provide quotes that reveal Ellen White used these phrases in reference to the Holy Spirit of Christ.

Note the green highlighted areas. The quote in question says the **Holy Spirit is a person** and in the quote below she calls “Christ” the **person of the Holy Spirit**. So we have no conflict. She is referring to Christ by His Spirit, not another literal being. And the Spirit of Christ is a divine person of course. *“When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of **Christ**, remember that **He** is an unseen presence in the **person of the Holy Spirit**.”* — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

Christ of course is a person and hence one of the reasons she calls Christ *the person of the Holy Spirit* since it is His presence by His Spirit. Note that she often uses the word unseen when referring to Christ by His Spirit. So if she is calling Christ or the Holy Spirit *unseen* it is because she means it is Christ by His Spirit as in this form He cannot be seen. For example: *“The human agent, **the seen instrument**, is to preach the Word, and **the Lord Jesus, the unseen, agency, by His Holy Spirit** is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.—Letter 105, 1900.”* — (Ellen G. White, 2SM 18.3)

Christ through His Spirit is also the Comforter. *“The holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.”* — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 29, 1892). *“This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.”* — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.3)

So the Comforter is the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Christ. The quote in question says **The Holy Spirit has a personality** and below she effectively says the **Holy Spirit of Christ has a distinct personality**. So there is no conflict here either. The entire quote is referring to Christ by His Spirit and not another literal being. *“**The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.**”* — (Ellen G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 20, MR No. 1487)

How easy is it to abuse or misunderstand a few quotes from Ellen White if you are not aware of the above points? And if you misread these quotes, it will contradict dozens of other quotes from her in the same time period which you will see later. She has an unusual way of referring to the Holy Spirit at times and unfortunately it has led to the abuse of her work. So we know she saw the Godhead as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit of Christ. Not another literal being as wrongly taught today. This is a belief that originated and was enforced by death by Emperor Theodosius 348 years after the cross.

Here is the third one that has the biggest impact on Adventists believing Ellen White was a Trinitarian. I have heard of non-Trinitarians turning Trinitarian after reading this quote. How very sad they did not look further at what she wrote. Froom only used the underlined part but the entire quote is given to see the context.

“We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds.” — (E.G. White, *Sermons and Talks* Volume 2, pp. 136-137, 1899) — *Evangelism* p. 616.5

"The Lord [Jesus] says this because He knows it is for our good. He would build a wall around us, to keep us from transgression, so that His blessing and love may be bestowed on us in rich measure. This is the reason we have established a school here. The Lord [Jesus] instructed us that this was the place in which we should locate, and we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes; that the Lord God is our Keeper and Helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind." — (Ellen G. White, *Sermons and Talks* Volume 2, pp. 136-137, 1899)

We now know that the *Holy Spirit* is the Spirit of Christ who is as much a person as God is a person but what else reveals this? The context also shows it is the Lord Jesus Christ through His Spirit who walks through these grounds as our *Keeper and Helper*. He is the one who *hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind*. He is the only one who can renew our mind and transform us into His image through the power of His Spirit. Thus the close unity between God, who is a person, and the Holy Spirit of Christ, who is as much as a person, is clearly demonstrated. Who does Ellen White say is walking through our streets *unseen by human eyes* by His Holy Spirit? "**Christ** walks *unseen* through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes." — (Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 107). And who does Ellen White say *hears every word we utter*? "Remember that Jesus is beside you wherever you go, noting your actions and listening to your words." — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, February 4, 1897). The answer is Christ through His Spirit. And considering a Spirit cannot be seen, why does she state the obvious by saying *unseen by human eyes*? Because it is Christ who is an actual being that by His physical presence can be seen just as people can but by His Spirit cannot be. "*The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the Lord Jesus, the unseen, agency, by His Holy Spirit is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.*—Letter 105, 1900." — (Ellen G. White, 2SM 18.3). So how does Christ walk unseen through our streets? By His Holy Spirit. And how was Christ walking unseen through the Avondale school grounds? By His Holy Spirit. So *we need to realize that it is Christ, who is as much a person as God is a person, walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes*. Why is He unseen? Because He is doing so by His Holy Spirit. Ellen White was explaining omnipresence to the students at the Avondale School in this talk.

So Ellen White says it is Christ who hears every word we utter and is walking unseen by our side and He is unseen because it by His Holy Spirit. "*How few realize that Jesus, unseen, is walking by their side! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that He heard all their foolish, common talk!*" — (Ellen G. White, 14 MR 125.3). We also know it is Christ as she said that, "*He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit,*" — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897) and that "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,*" — (Ellen G. White, 14 MR, p. 84). So is Christ as the unseen person of the Holy Spirit as much a person as God is a person? Of course! So this quote could also be written as, "*We need to realize that Christ, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds by His Holy Spirit, unseen by human eyes.*"

So what could be mistaken as a Trinitarian quote is undoubtedly non-Trinitarian as Ellen White was referring to Christ through His Spirit and not another literal being. Again, you can see how easy her writings can be abused in this area. Below are three more quotes from Froom's book *Evangelism* which were compiled with the intent to deceive. Note that there are two sources listed as per the previous two quotes. The first is from Ellen White and the second is from LeRoy Froom.

"*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.*" — (*Special Testimonies*, Series A, No. 10, p. 37, 1897) — *Evangelism* p. 617.2

It is Christ that holds in check the prince of the power of evil. Here Ellen White says the *third person of the Godhead [is] the Holy Spirit*. Therefore the third person is whoever the Holy Spirit is. She said, "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,*" — (14 *Manuscript Releases*, p. 84). So the Spirit of Christ is the *third person* that she also calls the *person of the Holy Spirit*. Not another being. Here is the Godhead according to Ellen White and note once again who the *third person* is. "*They have one God and*

one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks." — (Ellen G. White, Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189, 1909)

Here is this same truth proven from another perspective. In the following quote Ellen White is explaining that Christ was determined to give us a wonderful gift that could only be given once he had ascended to His Father and the Holy Spirit was given. This gift is the Comforter which is Himself by His Spirit, namely, the Spirit of Christ. She also says that Christ said that this gift is His representative, which she says is the third person of the Godhead. So Christ's representative is the Comforter, which is the Spirit of Christ, which is the Holy Spirit, which is the third person! "Christ determined that when he ascended from this earth, he would bestow a gift on those who had believed on him, and those who should believe on him. What gift could he bestow rich enough to signalize and grace his ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of his greatness and his royalty. He [Christ] determined to give his representative, the third person of the Godhead." — (Ellen G. White, The Watchman, November 28, 1905). The following statement from Ellen White simplifies what is being said above so there can be no misunderstanding, "Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit." — (Ellen G. White, CTr 301.4). So who is Christ's representative which is the Holy Spirit and the third person of the Godhead? Here is the unmistakable answer. "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

And from a third perspective. Most of the *third person* quotes are identical and state that it is *only* through the *third person* that sin and evil and the *prince of the power of evil* can be overcome. So ask yourself this question, who is it in you that gives you power to overcome sin and evil? It is Christ *only* through His Spirit in you! Ellen White confirms this in the following quotes. "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." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, 671.2). So who is this third person? Note the underlined beginning of this quote says that sin can *only* be overcome by the *divine power* of the third person of the Godhead. Now read the answer in the underlined ending of this quote which says that this *divine power* that overcomes sin and evil is Christ by His Spirit. And again, who is the only *divine power* in you that can overcome sin in you? "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." — (Ellen G. White, Our High Calling, 76.5). And "With His Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, May 19, 1904). And again, whose Spirit is the Spirit? Ellen White tells us that the Spirit she is referring to is His Spirit, that is, the Spirit of Christ being the Holy Spirit that Ellen White also calls the third person of the Godhead. And again, who is this Holy Spirit that convicts our heart of sin which is the third person of the Godhead? "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

"There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - those who receive Christ by living faith are baptised." — (Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, pp. 62-63, 1905) — Evangelism p. 615.1

Ellen White states that the "*three living persons*" and "*three great powers*" are the "*Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*." So the identity of the *third living person* which is also the *third great power* is the identity of the Holy Spirit. The answer is, "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ." — (Ellen G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84). She also calls the Spirit of Christ a person. "Remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit." — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897). And she said, "Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, November 19, 1908). So that makes *three living persons* and *three great powers* but the third is not another being but the Spirit of Christ. And "*heavenly trio*" is

non-Trinitarian. See [W.C. White letter](#) for an example. Ellen White understood exactly what *trinity* means, being that the Father is God, Jesus is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet there are not three gods but one God, and that's the trinity! Whereas a trio is three functioning harmoniously to effect one common goal, which is Biblical and non-Trinitarian. So we do have a heavenly trio but not a heavenly trinity. Here is the heavenly trio according to Ellen White. One + one + one = three. "**They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909). So who is the third person in the heavenly trio?

"We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,--and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God." — (E.G. White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 7, p. 51) — *Evangelism* p. 617.3

In regards to "three highest powers" or "three great powers," Ellen White says *powers*, not *beings*. The third power is the Holy Spirit which many interpret to mean another literal being. But this is incorrect as she says the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, not another being. "**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,**" — (14 *Manuscript Releases*, p. 84). As for the Holy Spirit being referred to as a power, she called the Spirit of Christ a divine "power" which is also the presence and "power" of God. "**Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power.**" — (*Review and Herald*, November 19, 1908). "**The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.**" — (*Signs of the Times*, November 23). The world's Redeemer of course is Christ and the divine Spirit He promised to send is His own Spirit to be our Comforter. "**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 divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.**" — (14MR 23.3, 1895). Hence the Father, Son and the Spirit of Christ are the "three highest powers" in Heaven, and so the third is not another literal being, it is the Spirit of Christ. As Ellen White said, "**They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.**" — (*Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909). So here are the "three highest POWERS" in heaven but who are the "three highest BEINGS?" Ellen White tells us the third highest *Being* in Heaven before sin was Lucifer. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 35). And after the fall she revealed Gabriel was the third highest *Being* in Heaven. (*Desire of Ages*, p. 234)

The answer remains the same every time. The third person is the Spirit of Christ, the third great power is the Spirit of Christ, the third highest power is the Spirit of Christ, the third living person is the Spirit of Christ and the Comforter is the Spirit of Christ. How do we know? Because each one of these is the Holy Spirit and "**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ.**" We also know because Ellen White tells us so over and over and over again in many different ways. All you have to do is look and want the truth and to stop reading those quotes from LeRoy Froom with the mindset of a Trinitarian. The early pioneers had no problem with these few quotes because they knew who the Holy Spirit is and would never read them the wrong way. But if your belief is that the Holy Spirit is another being, then that is what you will see when you read them.

Here is one more unmistakable quote that reveals exactly who the Holy Spirit is. When Christ breathed on His disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit, whose Spirit did He give to them? "**And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive you the Holy Ghost.**" [John 20:22](#).

"And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: ... Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished." — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 805)

It does not get much clearer than this. The Holy Spirit Christ breathed on His disciples and the Holy Spirit that was received at Pentecost was none other than the Spirit of Christ. It was His Spirit, not some other being!

So who is the Holy Spirit according to Ellen White? "**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ,**" — (Ellen G. White, 14 *Manuscript Releases*, p. 84). And where does she say the Holy Spirit comes from? "**The Holy Spirit, which**

proceeds from the only begotten Son of God,” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906). If you are not seeing the truth by now, then with respect, I say you are prejudiced and do not really want it. And that is not a good place to be.

Once you know who Ellen White calls the Holy Spirit, and that she calls the Holy Spirit of Christ a person, it becomes obvious that the quotes used by Froom are non-Trinitarian and that she never changed from what God revealed to her.

How many Beings?

Many believe that the Spirit of God is another literal being as per the trinity doctrine rather than just accepting what this phrase actually says and means. Ellen White says that there are two spirits in the world. So if you choose to believe the Spirit of God is another being then wouldn't that make the Spirit of Satan another being also? “*Others declared that they were led of the Spirit; but there are two spirits in the world,—the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, November 24, 1887)

And what about the Spirit of Christ. “*But you 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.*” [Romans 8:9](#). So if the Spirit of God is another being, than surely that must make the Spirit of Christ another being also. So that would have to make four literal beings in the Godhead if that was the case.

The Trinity Doctrine and the Mark of the Beast

It is interesting that Ellen White NEVER used the word trinity or the three in one principle in any way shape or form. It seems as if God knew that Adventists who do not know Scripture well enough to know the real truth would turn to her writings as an easy way out rather than trusting and studying His Word. And it appears that God also allowed Ellen White to write things that could be misunderstood UNLESS you took time to look at what else she wrote to be sure of what she was really saying. God loves a truth seeker but God will spit the luke warm right out of His mouth. The Lord's Sabbath is often called the test commandment but it appears that the trinity doctrine is going to be God's ultimate test.

When it comes to the mark of the beast being enforced, it is going to be pretty much common knowledge what the Adventist Church believes in regards to Sunday worship and the mark of the beast. And yet the book of Revelation still indicates that the world is going to be deceived on this. So how can that be unless there is more to it? Don't you think that the world would wake up and consider more seriously what the Adventist Church believes if Sunday law was enforced?

The question was asked in the Catholic Catechism, “What is Sunday...” The answer was, “*It is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the honor of the most holy Trinity.*” — (*Review and Herald*, vol. 5, no. 24, p. 86). Interesting statement considering “Sunday worship” and the “Trinity doctrine” both came from sun and Satan worship in Babylon, and they were both brought into Christendom by the Catholic Church whom God calls Babylon! They are also both about who we worship. Do we worship the one true God on His Holy day, or a pagan three in one god?

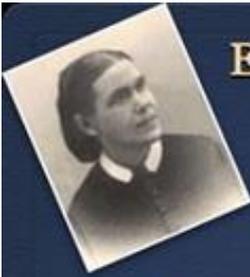
Revelation 13:17 says that you cannot buy or sell unless you have the MARK, NAME or the NUMBER of the beast which is 666. Three separate things! The number 666 comes from the worship of the sun that gave us Sunday worship and the Trinity doctrine. Is there more to the mark of the beast than just the Sabbath? Ellen White said, “*The light that we have upon the third angel's message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll, but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world.*” — (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, 6:17, 1900)

So Adventists know what the mark of the beast is, but what about the name and the number of the beast? And what about the Seal of God? Which God do we need to be sealed by? The one true God the Father, or the pagan three in one god. This could certainly explain why so many will still be deceived and going to perish in the end. This topic needs to be taken very seriously and especially since Ellen White says there is more to be revealed. See the [pagan origins of the trinity doctrine](#) for more on this and the origin of the number 666.

Did Ellen White Teach Against the Trinity Doctrine?

While Ellen White never used the word Trinity, it is known that she rebuked Dr. Kellogg for teaching the trinity doctrine which can only be seen by looking at the letters that went back and forth. See [A.G. Daniells to W.C. White letter](#) for proof that Kellogg adopted the trinity doctrine. From the letters Ellen White wrote you see that she specifically rebuked Kellogg for teaching that the Holy Spirit was a literal being. This took place at least eight years after it is claimed she became a Trinitarian. So again this proves that Fromm's quotes are misunderstood as you do not rebuke someone for teaching the trinity doctrine if you believe it yourself. See the first video at the bottom of the next page for the letters and proof.

Since the trinity doctrine claims Jesus is also the one God, J. N. Loughborough who is one of the early pioneers wrote, *“To believe that doctrine, when reading the scripture we must believe that God sent Himself into the world, died to reconcile the world to Himself, raised Himself from the dead, ascended to Himself in heaven, pleads before Himself in heaven to reconcile the world to Himself, and is the only mediator between man and Himself... We must believe also that in the garden God prayed to Himself, if it were possible, to let the cup pass from Himself, and a thousand other such absurdities.”* — (J. N. Loughborough, *Review and Herald*, vol. 18, page 184, November 5, 1861). The full quote is found later in this document.



E. G. White

1905

“Christ brought men and women power to overcome. He came to this world in human form, to live a man amongst men. He assumed the liabilities of human nature, to be proved and tried. In His humanity He was a partaker of the divine nature. In His incarnation **He gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God.** Said the angel to Mary, “The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). While the Son of a human being, **He became the Son of God in a new sense.** Thus He stood in our world--the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race. (Ellen G. White, Selected Messages book 1 page 226 also Signs of the Times August 2nd 1905)



Jesus, the Heavenly Intercessor

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“A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead, who **possessed the attributes of Deity equally.** In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, **one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into, the role of the Father, another the role of the Son.**” (Gordon Jenson, Adventist Review, October 31, 1996, p. 12 Week of Prayer readings, 'article 'Jesus the Heavenly Intercessor)

In God's foreknowledge and great love, such a provision had already been made. A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into, the role the of Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation. All of this took place before sin and rebellion transpired in heaven.

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An actor playing a 'role' or the Begotten Son of God?

The Trinity doctrine for both the Catholic and Adventist Church state that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three God's that are really only one God which are co-equal and co-eternal in every way. Since it teaches that the Father and Son are co-eternal, then they both have to have always existed and be the same age. But this also means that Jesus CANNOT be the literal Son of God. This is a BIG problem. Hence many Scriptures have to be explained away and the relationship between the Father and Son is said to be spiritualized or it is said that they are just role playing. Thus it also makes the Father and Son nonentities as it denies the Father and the Son which is what John called antichrist. It is antichrist because it denies Christ by denying that the Son of God really did come in the flesh since it is claimed it was really the one God that came and died. Needless to say, there are incorrect interpretations of what Ellen White is saying in the following diary entry unless of course you understand the truth and the implications of the trinity doctrine. Since the trinity doctrine **spiritualizes** the Father and Son relationship and makes them both a nonentity, what is Ellen White really speaking against in the following quote which was written at least nine years after it is claimed she became a Trinitarian?

“**Omega to One of the Most Subtle Delusions**—We are now to be on guard, and not drawn away from the all-important message given of God for this time. Satan is not ignorant of the result of trying to define God and Jesus Christ in a **spiritualistic** way that sets God and Christ as a nonentity. The moments occupied in this kind of science are, in the place of preparing the way of the Lord, making a way for Satan to come in and confuse the minds with mysticisms of his own devising. Although they are dressed up in angel robes they have made our God and our Christ a nonentity. Why?—because Satan sees the minds are all fitted for his working. Men have lost tract of Christ and the Lord God, and have been obtaining an experience that is Omega to one of the most subtle

delusions that will ever captivate the minds of men.” — (Ellen G. White, Diary, #48, pp. 153, 163, August 25 and 28, 1904)

Why do so many accept this *most subtle delusion that will ever captivate the minds of men*? They seem happier to accept a mystery that makes absolutely no sense in favour of accepting that God is a real Father and that Jesus really is the Son of God as Scripture tells us more than a hundred times. The Trinity doctrine is really nothing more than a satanic spiritualistic mysticism that sets God and His Son Jesus Christ as nonentities. Could anything be more antichrist?

Ignatius of Antioch was a student and disciple of the Apostle John. Note below from John's disciple that some in his time had started to teach the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were one person. This is the same thing as the trinity doctrine today.

“They introduce God as a Being unknown; they suppose Christ to be unbegotten; ... Some of them say that the Son is a mere man, and that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are but the same person, and that the creation is the work of God, not by Christ, but by some other strange power. Be on your guard, therefore, against such persons.” — (*The Epistle of Ignatius to the Trallians*, Chapter VI - Abstain from the Poison of Heretics)

Those who reject the pagan three in one god principle are typically called heretics today, and yet in John's time it was the other way around. (Note the chapter title above) Never underestimate Satan to turn truth into error and error into truth. So John was calling those who were teaching that three were one was **antichrist** because it denies there is a literal Son of God. Below is confirmation from Ellen White also. If you choose to believe that all three are one god then John would be calling you antichrist. Note how this is called **Spiritualism** just as the Omega quote above that said, *Satan is not ignorant of the result of trying to define God and Jesus Christ in a spiritualistic way that sets God and Christ as a nonentity.*

“And Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God. Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist.” — (Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 686.1)

Consistent with what the Apostle John said in regards to **antichrist**, these **spiritualist** teachers are Christians that are denying the Father and Son which in turn denies Jesus is the Son of God. She says, *concerning such teachers the beloved John declares* while she then quotes 1 John 2:22-23. Three verses earlier John stated that these people were part of his Church and hence were Christians but they began teaching error. The trinity doctrine not only denies that Jesus is the Son of God, it also denies the Father and Son and makes them a nonentity as we saw earlier. Ellen White said this is the work of Satan.

Ellen White also said, *“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.”* — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1906)

So what wrong belief *denies the personality of God and His Son* which is *denying God and Christ*? Her husband said, *“Here we might mention the **Trinity**, which does away [with] the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ,”* — (James White, *Review and Herald*, December 11, 1855). While Ellen White did not use the word trinity, her husband did.

So if you believe in the trinity doctrine then you deny the personality of God and His Son which Ellen White says denies God and Christ, which both the Apostle John and Ellen White said is antichrist. No longer is their personality that of a true Father and Son. Are you starting to piece things together and seeing the extreme dangers here? To be called antichrist is serious! So Ellen White did teach against the Trinity doctrine, she just did not use the word Trinity! God must have a reason for this.

Sadly, the Father-Son sacrifice is no longer taught within Seventh day Adventism. No longer is God regarded as a real father, and no longer is the Son regarded as a real son. Instead they are said to be only role playing these parts or it is said that it is spiritualized. In saying this, the genuine love of the Father in the giving of His son, and also the love and trust of a son in a true father-son relationship has been destroyed in people's minds. Most Adventists do not even realize that this is what the Church teaches now. Even some Pastors do now know this. Either Stephen Bohr is one of these Pastors or he does not agree with this part of the trinity doctrine. Because Pastor Bohr preached a beautiful non-Trinitarian sermon in December 2014 and was later accused of anti-Trinitarianism by many people and had to recant. I pray that this is the beginning of Stephen Bohr finding the full truth assuming he does not already have it. This sermon [Risk of Eternal Loss](#) can be watched on YouTube. What he teaches in this sermon is the real truth about the Father and Son relationship and exactly what non-Trinitarians believe. It is what Scripture teaches and what Ellen White teaches.

Was the non-Trinitarian View a Pillar of Faith?

What about the Pillars of Faith of the Church that were God given? Did our Heavenly Father include the truth on the Godhead? It would be foolish to claim that God never revealed this truth as there is nothing more important than knowing if God is a real Father and if Jesus is really the Son of God or if He is three gods that are really only one god. If you get this wrong than you are worshipping a strange god which would cost you your salvation! And then there is the Holy Spirit. Is it the Spirit of the Father and Son or another god that is part of the one god? A huge difference that you cannot get wrong!

And are we really expected to believe that God instructed Ellen White to go around correcting those with false doctrines while allowing the Adventist Church to believe the worst possible false doctrine of all being who the Father and Son and Holy Spirit truly are? That is clearly just plain foolishness! *"I was sent by the Lord from place to place to rebuke those who were holding these false doctrines. There were those who were in danger of going into fanaticism, and I was bidden in the name of the Lord to give them a warning from heaven."* — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 25, 1905)

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced." — (Selected Messages Book 1, p. 204)

"The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. ... Not a word is changed or denied." — (Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies* series B No. 7)

Trinitarians claim that the Godhead is not one of the Pillars of Faith but that is not true. Remember that the trinity doctrine teaches the Father and the Son are co-eternal and hence the same age, which means Jesus cannot truly be the Son of God. Thus the Father is not a literal Father and Jesus is not the literal Son of God as explained earlier. This is why the trinity doctrine destroys the personality of the Father and the Son and the truth on the Godhead. So is their personality that of one person? Or do we have the personality of a real Father and Son?

Trinitarians also state that Dr. Kellogg was only teaching pantheism, but he was also teaching the trinity doctrine. See [A.G. Daniells to W.C. White letter](#) for evidence of this fact.

Ellen White sent the following two letters to Kellogg on the same day. “You are *not* definitely clear on the personality of God, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.” — (Ellen G. White, Letter 300, 1903). “Your ideas are so mystical that they are destructive to the real substance, and the minds of some are becoming confused in regard to the foundation of our faith. If you allow your mind to become thus diverted, you will give a wrong mold to the work that has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists.” — (Ellen G. White, Letter 52, 1903)

There is that word mystical again that she used in reference to making the Father and Son nonentities, which of course destroys the Father and Son, their personality and relationship. So what is she referring to? The Trinity doctrine!

Do not forget that the Godhead is about the personality of God and His Son and the trinity doctrine destroys it as Ellen White and the pioneers stated. “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.” — (J.N. Andrews, *Review and Herald*, March 6, 1855, p. 185). Ellen White's husband said. “Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away [with] the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ,” — (James White, *Review and Herald*, December 11, 1855). Note what Ellen White said about her husband and his writings. “God has permitted the precious light of truth to shine upon His Word and illuminate the mind of my husband. He may reflect the rays of light from the presence of Jesus upon others by his preaching and writing.” — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, 3:502, 1875)

This final quote can leave no doubt. “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.” — (Ellen G. White, MR760 9.5, 1905).

So the non-Trinitarian view was God given and one of the Pillars of Faith. So again we find that Ellen White was never a Trinitarian and the truth on the Godhead is found here alone.

LeRoy Froom held secret meetings with F.M. Wilcox who was of no surprise the man who first added the word Trinity to the first fundamental beliefs in 1931 that most did not even know had happened. J.S. Washburn did the best he could to try and stop them from bringing the trinity doctrine into the Church.

“You were in that secret Bible Council which I believe was the most unfortunate thing our people ever did, and it seemed to me you were losing the simplicity of your faith.” — (Washburn to F.M. Wilcox letter, July 3, 1921)

Washburn repeated the same thoughts in a letter to General Conference President A.G. Daniells the following year.

“Under the authority, and sanction or permission at least of this so called Bible Institute, teachers were undermining the confidence of our sons and daughters in the very fundamentals of our truth, while the parents were not allowed to inquire into the sacred secrets of this private council. ... One of our most faithful workers said the holding of this Bible Institute was the most terrible thing that had ever happened in the history of this denomination.” — (J.S. Washburn, “An Open Letter to Elder A. G. Daniells and an Appeal to the General Conference,” 1922, pp. 28-29)

In 1931 F.M. Wilcox succeeded in adding the word Trinity to the first Adventist fundamental statement of beliefs but it was not official. It was not for another 50 years before the trinity doctrine was officially accepted as being

part of the doctrinal beliefs. Note what was written in the Review about this issue shortly after its acceptance at the Dallas Convention in 1980.

“While no single Scripture passage states the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as a fact... only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity.” — (Adventist Review, Vol. 158, No. 31, p. 4)

Is there any other doctrine that Seventh-day Adventists hold as truth that they have to take by faith? Is there any other doctrine that they have no definite Scripture that they can point to in proving their belief?

Here is a statement from a well-known Adventist Trinitarian called Jerry Moon. Sadly, the yellow highlighted part is correct.

*“That most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian in their theology has become accepted Adventist history, surprising as it sounded to most Adventists 40 years ago when Erwin R. Gane wrote an M.A. thesis on the topic.” “More recently, a further question has arisen with increasing urgency: was the pioneers' belief about the Godhead right or wrong? “As one line of reasoning goes, either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth.” — (Jerry Moon, *The Trinity*, Chapter, *Trinity and antitrinitarianism in Seventh-day Adventist history*, page 190)*

Did Ellen White Rebuke the Pioneers for their non-Trinitarian teaching?

What did Ellen G. White say about the teachings of the early pioneers? This was written at least ten years after she had supposedly become a Trinitarian.

*“God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it? -- He has said that the dead are to speak. How? - Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 25, 1905, 'The work for this time', address at the 1905 General Conference, May 16)*

Not only did Ellen White not rebuke the pioneers for their anti-Trinitarian writings, but God instructed her to make sure that the writings of the pioneers were reproduced. So from this alone we have two choices. Either she was a false prophet and had no trouble with others teaching serious error on something as important as who the Father and Son are. Or the non-Trinitarian view is correct.

Why would God instruct her to say the writings of the pioneers should be reproduced if their anti-Trinitarian teaching was in serious error? Perhaps God does not mind wrong doctrine being taught. Pardon the sarcasm.

Did Ellen White Ever Change her teaching on the Godhead?

Did Ellen White change any of her views at all during her life as a prophet? Because the change from there being one true God Father who is a literal Father, one Lord Jesus Christ being His literal Son, and one Holy Spirit being the presence and power of God, to believing that the Father and Son and Holy Spirit are three gods that are really only one God is a HUGE change in doctrine.

One of these views is obviously an extremely serious error that hides who the Father and Son truly are. We rely on this information being correct for eternal life so which is it? Did she make a huge change that was not officially accepted by the Seventh day Adventist Church for another 85 years? It was not for another 36 years after when she had supposedly become a Trinitarian that the word Trinity was first written into the Fundamental beliefs in

1931. This was 16 years after her death! Why so long? It is Satan that does things very slowly over time so not to be noticed.

“That which I have written is what the Lord has bidden me write. I have not been instructed to change that which I have sent out. I stand firm in the Adventist faith; for I have been warned in regard to the seducing sophistries that will seek for entrance among us as a people. The Scripture says, ‘Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.’ I present before our people the danger of being led astray as were the angels in the heavenly courts. The straight line of truth presented to me when I was but a girl is just as clearly presented to me now.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, January 26, 1905)

So again, ten years after she had supposedly become a Trinitarian and she claims very clearly that she has NEVER changed anything she wrote since she was but a girl. So does Ellen White agree with what Trinitarians claim in that she became one? Obviously not. Here are two more quotes.

“That which was truth in the beginning is truth now. Although new and important truths appropriate for succeeding generations have been opened to the understanding, the present revealings do not contradict those of the past. Every new truth understood only makes more significant the old.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, March 2, 1886)

“The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.” — (Ellen G. White, Manuscript 135, 1903)

Did Ellen White Recommend non-Trinitarian Books?

Note in the following quote the powerful recommendation for books such as the Daniel and the Revelation that contained two pages of non-Trinitarian material. This quote was written at least eight years after she had supposedly become a Trinitarian.

“Many will depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits. Patriarchs and Prophets and The Great Controversy are books that are especially adapted to those who have newly come to the faith, that they may be established in the truth. The dangers are pointed out that should be avoided by the churches. Those who become thoroughly acquainted with the lessons in these books will see the dangers before them and will be able to discern the plain, straight path marked out for them. They will be kept from strange paths. They will make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. In Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, The Great Controversy, and in Daniel and the Revelation, there is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them before the people.” — (Ellen G. White, Letter 229, Evangelism p. 366, 1903)

Here she recommends books that were unmistakably non-Trinitarian and a Trinitarian would never do that yet alone highly promote them. It was in 1945 that LeRoy Froom had two pages (710 words) of non-Trinitarian statements removed from the book 'Daniel and the Revelation' which she said was of special importance and every effort should be made to get it before the people! LeRoy Froom said that out of all the books he had edited, 'Daniel and the Revelation' was the worst. So either she was not a Trinitarian or she strongly promoted a false doctrine to the world, which would make her a false prophet! She was never a Trinitarian of course.

I hope you can now clearly see that the non-Trinitarian view was God given and that Ellen White was never a Trinitarian. And considering the non-Trinitarian view was a God given Pillar of Faith to the Adventist Church, then why would she be? So of course she was in favour of the pioneers anti-Trinitarian writings being reproduced as God requested, and of course she never changed the truths that God bid her to write since she was a girl, and of course she would have no problem recommending non-Trinitarian books. The weight of evidence just continues to grow and is overwhelming.

Are there Three Beings in Heaven that are to be Exalted

The trinity doctrine claims the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three *co-equal* persons, so for Ellen White to be a Trinitarian, she would have to include the Holy Spirit in every one of the following quotes but not so. She wrote these at least one to fourteen years after it is claimed she had become a Trinitarian. So these quotes also prove that to be incorrect.

“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.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, July 7, 1898)

Note that there are only two beings *alone* who are to be exalted as seen above and below. She uses a key word “alone” in quoting here from (John 17:3-5). She wrote this three years after it is claimed she had become a Trinitarian but this reveals otherwise. The same applies to the following quote.

“God and Christ alone know what the souls of men have cost.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, January 13, 1909)

The trinity doctrine teaches the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and Son but Ellen White says only Christ is equal with God which is the non-Trinitarian view.

“Why Only One Mediator—Jesus alone could give security to God; for He was equal to God. He alone could be a mediator between God and man;” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 3, 1894)

“God informed Satan that to his Son alone he would reveal his secret purposes, and he required all the family in heaven, even Satan, to yield him implicit, unquestioned obedience;” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, January 9, 1879)

“And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 13, 1905)

Some say three persons did the work of creation because the Hebrew word for “God” which is “Elohim” is plural. But the word “Elohim” can be used to refer to a single person, and when it does, linguists call it a “Plural of Majesty” which denotes greatness. See page one for more on the meaning of Elohim. And many use Genesis 1:26 to say that the title “God” is referring to three people. Were there three people involved in the work of creation? Ellen White confirms that only the Father and Son were involved in creation as the Holy Spirit is not another being but their Spirit.

“In the beginning, the Father and the Son had rested on the Sabbath after their work of Creation.” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 769)

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose,... And now God said to His Son, “Let us make man in our image.”” — (Ellen G. White, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pp. 24-25)

“The Father and the Son rested after Their work of Creation.” — (Ellen G. White, MS 25, pp. 3-4, 1898)

The title “God” is used to refer to the Father alone almost entirely throughout scripture and there is not a single verse in the Bible where it is used to refer to three beings. These two quotes should have specified the Holy Spirit and not Satan and Gabriel according to the trinity doctrine.

*“Among the inhabitants of heaven, Satan, next to Christ, was at one time most honored of God, and highest in power and glory.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, July 23, 1902)*

*“It was Gabriel, the angel next in rank to the Son of God, who came with the divine message to Daniel.” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 234)*

We see that Satan used to be the third highest being in Heaven before the fall of man. By Satan creating a non-existent third literal being, Satan steps into that position he has created and effectively regains the position he lost as the third highest being in heaven. As a result, he also receives worship by representation as he has also done with Sunday worship.

The following quotes should all include the Holy Spirit if she was a Trinitarian, but not so. It is always just the Father and Son.

*“But in the transgression of man both the Father and the Son were dishonored.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, December 12, 1895)*

*“The human family cost God and his Son Jesus Christ an infinite price.” — (Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies On Education*, p. 21, 1896)*

*“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 G. White, *Signs of the Times*, December 23, 1897)*

*“Father and Son are pledged to fulfill the terms of the everlasting covenant.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, June 14, 1900)*

*“All the heavenly angels are at the service of the humble, believing people of God; and as the Lord's army of workers here below sing their songs of praise, the choir above join with them in thanksgiving, ascribing praise to God and to His Son.” — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 7*, p. 17, 1902)*

*“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 G. White, *(Australasian) Union Conference Record*, January 15, 1903)*

*“Let us honor God and His Son Jesus Christ, through whom He communicates with the world.” — (Ellen G. White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, Vol. 1, p. 1118, 1903)*

The only being who was one with God was His Son Jesus Christ. The trinity doctrine says the Holy Spirit should be included.

*“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.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, October 14, 1897)*

And again, the trinity doctrine teaches the Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and Son in every way. So why has the Holy Spirit being left out here? Because the Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God and not a literal being!

*“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. By Christ, the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 493)*

Who did Ellen White say Christ was?

Most Adventists will state that “*Jesus is the Son of God*” but there are different meanings attached to these words. The sad reality is that most Adventists do not believe Jesus to be the Son of God at all if they subscribe to their denominational statements of belief. Because the trinity doctrine claims that Jesus is NOT the LITERAL Son of God because this doctrine claims that Jesus is the same age as the Father and has always existed alongside the Father.

“*Who is Christ? -- He is the only begotten Son of the living God.*” — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, June 28, 1894)

“*The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 51)

“*It was in seeking to exalt himself above the Son of God that Satan had sinned in heaven.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p.129)

“*Satan well knew the position that Christ had held in heaven as the Beloved of the Father. That the Son of God should come to this earth as a man filled him with amazement and with apprehension. He could not fathom the mystery of this great sacrifice. His selfish soul could not understand such love for the deceived race.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p.115)

“*The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, tore from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895)

Christ was *tore from the bosom* of His Father and hence is the same substance of His Father which has always existed. But the person of Christ has a beginning even though what Christ consists of does not. Note the following two quotes.

“*The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.*” — (Ellen G. White, Manuscript 116, December 19, 1905)

“*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.*” — (Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 886)

“*Christ had not exchanged his divinity for humanity; but he had clothed his divinity in humanity, and he gave Satan the evidence for which he had asked,--showed him that he was the Son of God.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, October 29, 1895)

As a prolific Seventh day Adventist minister and evangelist said, “*Christ is the only literal Son of God. “The only begotten of the Father.” John 1:14. He is God because he is the Son of God; not by virtue of his resurrection. If Christ is the only begotten of the Father, then we cannot be begotten of the Father in a literal sense. It can only be in a secondary sense of the word.*” — (J.G. Matteson, *Review and Herald*, October 12, 1869)

Here is confirmation that within early Seventh day Adventism it was believed that Christ is truly the literal Son of God. Note that John Matteson emphasizes that Christ is God “because he is the Son of God.”

Twenty six years after Matteson had penned these words, Ellen White made much the same comment. This is when she said that Christ is the only begotten of the Father whilst we as Christians are adopted sons (and daughters) of God.

*“A complete offering has been made; for “God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,”--not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, May 30, 1895)*

So Ellen White believed that Christ, in His pre-existence, is literally the begotten Son of God. She was speaking in opposition to two heretical views of His origins (creation and adoption). Some believe Christ became the Son of God at His birth in Bethlehem but the Bible and Ellen White says this is incorrect.

*“The more we think about Christ's becoming a babe here on earth, the more wonderful it appears. How can it be that the helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger is still the divine Son of God?” — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, November 21, 1895)*

Here is another quote from her that was written at least ten years after she supposedly became a Trinitarian.

*“Christ brought men and women power to overcome. He came to this world in human form, to live a man amongst men. He assumed the liabilities of human nature, to be proved and tried. In His humanity He was a partaker of the divine nature. In His incarnation He gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God. Said the angel to Mary, “The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). While the Son of a human being, He became the Son of God in a new sense. Thus He stood in our world--the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, August 2, 1905)*

“When I read in the Bible of how many refused to believe that Christ was the Son of God, sadness fills my heart. We read that even His own brethren refused to believe in Him.” — (E. G. White, Letter 398, To Dr. & Mrs. D.H. Kress, December 26, 1906)

It saddened Ellen White when people did not believe Jesus was the Son of God and yet this is the official stand of the Adventist Church now. So how does God feel when we accept the trinity doctrine that denies Jesus is the *literal* Son of God?

Who did Ellen White say Christ Received His Life From?

Ellen G. White said that Christ received all things from His Father including His life which Christ in turn can give to us. *“For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself.”* [John 5:26](#).

*“All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire Of Ages*, 21.2)*

*“God has sent his Son to communicate his own life to humanity. Christ declares, “I live by the Father,” my life and his being one. “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him,” “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.” The head of every man is Christ, as the head of Christ is God. “And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.” — (Ellen G. White, *Home Missionary*, June 1, 1897)*

Ellen White says that the life of God and the life of Christ is one life, meaning they share the same divine life. It was the life of the Father that was in Christ. His life was also the life of the Father and not something that Christ had independent and separate of the Father. This explains the following quote that Fromm abused and used to

convert the Adventist Church to the Trinity doctrine. How easy is it to abuse the writings of Ellen White if you do not study all things she wrote on a specific point?

*“Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection, and the life.” In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. “He that hath the Son hath life.” The divinity of Christ is the believer’s assurance of eternal life.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 530) — Evangelism 616.2*

In a later quote she gave more clarity.

*“I lay it down of myself” (John 10: 18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1897)*

And consistent with the previous quotes, did you notice that this original, unborrowed and underived life can also be given to man? The life of Christ was *original, unborrowed and underived* as it was given to Him by His Father. This life can now in turn be given to us through Christ. As the first quote stated, “*All things Christ received from God, but He took to give.*”

Who is the Holy Spirit According to Ellen White and the Pioneers?

Who did the Adventist pioneers say the Holy Spirit was?

*“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; it is also the Spirit of Christ. It is that divine, mysterious emanation through which they carry forward their great and infinite work.” — (Uriah Smith, *GC Bulletin*, March 18, 1891, pp. 146,147)*

*“Here we find that the Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.” — (E. J. Waggoner, *Christ and His Righteousness*, p. 23, 1890)*

*“The terms “Holy Ghost”, are a harsh and repulsive translation. It should be “Holy Spirit” (*hagion pneuma*) in every instance. This Spirit is the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit being the same whether it is spoken of as pertaining to God or Christ. But respecting this Spirit, the Bible uses expressions which cannot be harmonized with the idea that it is a person like the Father and the Son. Rather it is shown to be a divine influence from them both, the medium which represents their presence and by which they have knowledge and power through all the universe, when not personally present.” — (Uriah Smith, *Review and Herald*, October 28, 1890)*

*“We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God we are really speaking of his presence and power.” — (J. N. Loughborough, *Review and Herald*, September 20, 1898)*

And where did the pioneers get these ideas regarding the Holy Spirit? From Ellen White of course!

*“The divine Spirit that the world’s Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.” — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, November 23)*

*“By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Bible Echo*, January 15, 1893)*

*“From eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth’s Instructor*, December 16, 1897)*

“He [Jesus] gives them His Holy Spirit, the manifestation of His presence and favor.” — (Ellen G. White, 9T 230.3, 1909)

So who did Ellen White say the Holy Spirit is? Another person or the Spirit of Christ being the presence of Christ in you through His Spirit?

"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." — (Ellen G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84)

"The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. This union is represented by the union of the vine and the branches. Finite man is united to the manhood of Christ. Through faith human nature is assimilated with Christ's nature. We are made one with God in Christ." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, April 5, 1906)

The next two quotes refer to the gift of the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit (third person) which is the Spirit of Christ.

"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 divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent." — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 23.3, 1895)

"Christ determined that when he ascended from this earth, he would bestow a gift on those who had believed on him, and those who should believe on him. What gift could he bestow rich enough to signalize and grace his ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of his greatness and his royalty. He determined to give his representative, the third person of the Godhead. This gift could not be excelled. He would give all gifts in one, and therefore the divine Spirit, that converting, enlightening and sanctifying power, would be his donation." — (E. G. White, The Watchman, November 28, 1905)

Who is Christ's representative which is the *third person* as stated above? It is not another being but the Spirit of Christ.

"The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

"The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 669)

"When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church, 'The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.' The Spirit of Christ made them one. This is the fruit of abiding in Christ." — (Ellen G. White, GCDB, February 6, 1893)

"O, how we grieve the pure, holy Spirit of Christ with our defiling sins! We are not prepared for the appreciation of the holy communion with Christ and with one another unless we are cleansed by his efficacy." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, July 5, 1898)

"Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 827)

"How does Christ subdue his chosen people to himself?—It is by the power of his Holy Spirit;" — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, January 30, 1894)

“All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith until **Jesus** imbues the believer with his spiritual life, **which is the Holy Ghost.**” — (Ellen G. White, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, p. 242)

“While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, He is still by **His Spirit** the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Matt. 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His energizing presence is still with His church.” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 166)

“He is coming to us by His Holy Spirit today. Let us recognize Him now; then we shall recognize Him when He [Christ] comes in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 30, 1901)

“The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as another. It works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruits of the Spirit, -love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.” — (Ellen G. White, *The Bible Echo*, June 17, 1901)

Who does Ellen White show to be the first, second and third person of the Godhead? The *third person* is in bold.

“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 G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)

Who spoke through the prophets of old?

“The Saviour had spoken through all the prophets. “The Spirit of Christ which was in them” “testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p.234)

When God gives us His Holy Spirit, does He give us another person different to Him?

“In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.” — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 7*, p. 273, 1902)

When Christ breathed on His disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit, whose Spirit was it that He gave? “And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive you the Holy Ghost.” [John 20:22](#). See the following quote where Ellen White quotes John 20:22 for the unmistakable answer. In the next section you will find that the Comforter is Christ coming in ANOTHER form being through *His Holy Spirit*. This is why the Comforter and hence His Holy Spirit could not be given until Christ had returned to the Father and been glorified. Please read carefully.

“And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained. The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.** He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished.” — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 805)

Who did Ellen White say was the Comforter?

The quotes from Ellen White below frequently shock many Adventists as they believe the Comforter is the Holy Spirit as another being rather than Christ through HIS Spirit. The moment Christians read the words “*another Comforter*” in John 14:16, they miss the fact that Christ says four times that He is their Comforter in the verses that follow. The Holy Spirit is NOT another being but the Spirit of Christ who is also called our Comforter. And who better to comfort us than the one who knows what it is like to be tempted and suffer as we do. The quotes below are only a very small amount of her writings in regards to the Comforter. See [who is the Comforter Jesus promised](#) for extensive detail.

“*The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.*” — (Ellen G. White, 8MR 49.3)

“*Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. He is the Comforter. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, January 27, 1903)

“*This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.*” — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.3)

The Comforter is Christ dwelling in us through the Spirit. “*When He should come forth from the tomb, their sorrow would be turned to joy. After His ascension He was to be absent in person; but through the Comforter He would still be with them, and they were not to spend their time in mourning.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 278)

“*What saith our **Saviour**? “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father; and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of **Christ**, remember that **He** [Christ] is an unseen presence in the **person of the Holy Spirit**, and **He will be the peace and comfort given you, manifesting to you that He is with you**, the Sun of Righteousness, chasing away your darkness.” — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)*

“*It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and that the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, “the **Spirit of truth**, which the Father will send in my name” ... This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.” — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179)*

“*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 G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 29, 1892)*

“*The nights are long and painful, but Jesus is my Comforter and my Hope.*” — (Ellen G. White, 19MR 296.2)

“*Christ is everything to those who receive Him. He is their Comforter, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all.*” — (Ellen G. White, 21MR 372.1)

“*There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart... The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, October 26, 1897)

“*The reasons why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter.*” — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, August 26, 1890)

“*As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving Jesus the Comforter.*” — (Ellen G. White, 19MR 297.3)

Summary of the above quotes on Christ and the Holy Spirit

- * The Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God.
- * The Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. It is His own breath, the life of His own life.
- * The Holy Spirit is Christ Himself but divested of the personality of humanity.
- * The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of Christ to the soul.
- * The Holy Spirit is the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.
- * The Father and the Son are two yet they are one in spirit.
- * The Father and the Son are the ones who make their abode in us.
- * Christ is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit.
- * Only the Father and the Son are to be exalted. There is no one else to be exalted.
- * The councils of the Godhead are between the Father and the Son only.
- * The Father and the Son united in a covenant to redeem man. We are redeemed by the Father and the Son, no one else.
- * Christ comforts us by His presence, unseen by the world.
- * Our Saviour is our Comforter, not someone else.
- * While Christ is ministering in the sanctuary above, He is still the minister of the church on earth by His Spirit.
- * When the Spirit spoke to Ellen White, she was in the presence of Jesus.
- * The Hebrew boys in Babylon told the king that their God had a Son.
- * Christ is the only begotten of the Father, the First-born of heaven.
- * Christ is not a created son, He is a begotten Son.
- * Christ was the only begotten of the Father long before the incarnation.
- * Christ received ALL things from His Father including His life.
- * Christ was given the original, unborrowed, underived life of His Father.
- * We are given that very same life of Jesus Christ. We receive His life by becoming one spirit with Him.
- * Satan is determined that we shall not see God's love in giving His only begotten Son.
- * From the beginning the Father and the Son knew of the apostasy of Satan.
- * God covenanted with His begotten Son to save man. The Father sent us His Son.
- * Only Christ could come to reveal the Father to us. There was no other being in the universe that could do this work.

If Christ is the Immortal God He Cannot Die

A divine being died. However, it is important to understand that God is immortal, therefore the only way in which Christ could die is to come here as a man, and trust in the power of His Father alone.

"He humbled himself, and took mortality upon him. As a member of the human family, he was mortal." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, September 4, 1900)

"Men need to understand that Deity suffered and sank under the agonies of Calvary..." — (MS 153, 1898). (Ellen G. White, S.D.A. Bible Commentary, vol. 7, p. 907)

Is Christ equal with God?

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,"-- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895)

"The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ should be

equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. His word was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, January 9, 1879; also in *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pp. 18-19)

Christ was made equal. “All power and authority” in not just earth but heaven as well, “was given by the Father.” He was ordained by the Father that He should be equal. This takes nothing away from Christ. He was in all things partaker of the Godhead. Some say that stating He was given authority demeans the Son because they believe He possessed all power and authority of His own self. We should let scriptures be the judge of that. No Trinitarian can agree with this statement below that was made after she had supposedly become a Trinitarian!

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 268, 1904)

Note that He has been made equal by His Father, with His Father. When Christ speaks it is as though His Father is speaking. Hebrews 1:3 says “*by inheritance has he obtained a name*” as she quoted above. Like the Son will inherit His Father’s name. So is Christ able to speak on behalf of the only true God the Father [John 17:3-5]. “*He has declared his fathers name,*” (John 17:26). By inheritance He possesses the very nature and form of God, just as any human by inheritance possesses the very nature and form of humanity.

Did Christ have Special Power on Earth?

Anyone who denies the following denies that Christ came in the flesh and that is the spirit of Antichrist (1 John 4:3)

“Christ’s overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a power that it is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity.” — (Ellen G. White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, p. 929)

“Those who claim that it was not possible for Christ to sin, cannot believe that He really took upon Himself human nature. But was not Christ actually tempted, not only by Satan in the wilderness, but all through His life, from childhood to manhood? In all points He was tempted as we are, and because He successfully resisted temptation under every form, He gave man the perfect example, and through the ample provision Christ has made, we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust.” — (Ellen G. White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, p. 929)