

Word Spirit Connection

Have we been somehow echoing the same sentiments that Dr. Kellogg was and claiming to be saying what EGW said yet teaching subtle panentheism or are we on the right platform!? Let us try to examine this issue

*“Fathers and mothers, teach your children of **the wonder-working power of God. His power is manifest in every plant**, in every tree that bears fruit. Take the children into the garden and explain to them how He causes the seed to grow. The farmer plows his land and sows the seed, but he cannot make the seed grow. He must depend upon God to do that which no human power can do. **The Lord puts His own Spirit** into the seed, causing it to spring into life. Under His care the germ breaks through the case enclosing it and springs up to develop and bear fruit.” {8T 326.4}*

*“Upon all created things is seen the **impress of the Deity**. Nature testifies of God. The susceptible mind, brought in contact with the miracle and mystery of the universe, cannot but recognize the working of **infinite power**. Not by its own inherent energy does the earth produce its bounties, and year by year continue its motion around the sun. An unseen hand guides the planets in their circuit of the heavens. **A mysterious life pervades all nature--a life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer breeze**, that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit. {Ed 99.1}*

*The **same power that upholds nature, is working also in man**. The same great laws that guide alike the star and the atom control human life. The laws that govern the heart's action, regulating the flow of the current of life to the body, are the laws of the mighty Intelligence that has the jurisdiction of the soul. From Him all life proceeds. Only in harmony with Him can be found its true sphere of action. For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same--**a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator's will**. To transgress His law, physical, mental, or moral, is to place one's self out of harmony with the universe, to introduce discord, anarchy, ruin.” {Ed 99.2}*

*“Nature is a power, but the God of nature is unlimited in power. His works interpret his character. Those who judge him from his handiworks, and not from the suppositions of great men, **will see his presence in everything**. They behold his smile in the glad*

sunshine, and his love and care for man in the rich fields of autumn. Even the adornments of the earth, as seen in the grass of living green, the lovely flowers of every hue, and the lofty and varied trees of the forest, testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to his desire to make his children happy.”--S. of T., 1884, No. 11. {HL 285.1}

(What should remain to our understanding is that man has intelligence to receive that spirit actuated by acceptance of the word of God but nature is in obedience to it because it doesn't have a will, refer John 14;15, 16, 21, 23, Ephesians 1:13 a direct correlation with Isaiah 8:16)

It is good to understand the word "person" and the word "presence" SO THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND WHO DWELLS IN US AND HOW because these words have several variations

THE LIFE OF CHRIST that gives life to the world **IS IN HIS WORD**. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His word He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. **THE WHOLE BIBLE IS A MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST**, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. **WHEN HIS VISIBLE PRESENCE SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN, THE WORD MUST BE THEIR SOURCE OF POWER**. Like their Master, they were to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. {DA 390.3}

WHEN HIS WORDS OF INSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, and have TAKEN POSSESSION of us, JESUS IS TO US AN ABIDING PRESENCE, CONTROLLING OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS. We are imbued with the instruction of the greatest Teacher the world ever knew. A sense of human accountability and the value of human influence gives character to our views of life and of daily duties. Jesus Christ is everything to us,--the first, the last, the best in everything. Jesus Christ, his Spirit and character, colors everything; it is the warp and the woof, the very texture of our entire being. **THE WORDS OF CHRIST ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE**. We can not then center our thoughts upon self; it is no more we that live, but Christ that liveth in us, and he is the hope of glory. Self is dead, but Christ is a living Saviour. Continuing to look unto Jesus,

*we reflect his image to all around us. We can not stop to consider our disappointments, or even to talk of them; for a more pleasant picture attracts our sight,--the precious love of Jesus. **HE DWELLS IN US BY THE WORD OF TRUTH.** {ST, September 3, 1896 par. 6}*

*What said Christ to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well? "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." **THE WATER TO WHICH CHRIST REFERRED WAS THE REVELATION OF HIS GRACE IN HIS WORD. HIS SPIRIT, HIS TEACHING, HIS LOVE** is as a satisfying fountain to every soul. Every other source to which men resort proves unsatisfying; but the word of truth is as cool streams, represented as the waters of Lebanon, which are always satisfying. In Christ is fulness of joy forevermore. The pleasures and amusements of the world are never satisfying, or healing to the soul. But Jesus says, "Whosoever eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life." {ST, September 3, 1896 par. 7}*

***CHRIST'S GRACIOUS PRESENCE IN HIS WORD** ever speaks to the soul, representing him as the well of living water to refresh the thirsting. It is our privilege to have **A LIVING, ABIDING SAVIOUR.** He is the source of spiritual power in us, and his influence will flow forth in words and actions that will refresh all within the sphere of our influence, begetting in them desires and aspirations for strength and purity, for holiness and peace, for that joy which brings no sorrow with it. Such an experience will be the result of having Christ as an indwelling Saviour. *ST, September 3, 1896)*

*It is **THE PRESENCE OF JESUS** that is needed in our assemblies, to make the preaching of the word effectual to the salvation of souls. Preaching, in itself, has no natural power to renew the heart, and yet this is the object of preaching. It is **THE DIVINE INFLUENCE ACCOMPANYING THE WORD,** that brings souls in penitence to the foot of the cross. O that Christ's ambassadors would feel their need of Jesus, that their preaching might not be in vain, nor their ministry unsuccessful. When the minister hears the voice of the great Shepherd saying, "Lo, I am with you always," he works **AS IF IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS;** and out of weakness he is made strong. The word becomes quick and powerful, and, **IN PROPORTION AS FAITH APPRECIATES THE***

DIVINE PRESENCE, and honors it, and trusts it, the preaching is in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. {RH, September 4, 1888 par. 12}

We are to open the Word of God with reverence, with a sincere desire to know the will of God concerning us. Then the heavenly angels will direct our search. **GOD SPEAKS TO US OUT OF HIS WORD. WE ARE IN THE AUDIENCE-CHAMBER OF THE MOST HIGH, IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD. CHRIST ENTERS THE HEART.** The Holy Spirit takes of the things of God and shows them to us. We see more clearly the greatness of God's love and the fulness of His salvation. We appreciate more fully His gracious design to make us partners in the heavenly firm. We are drawn into full sympathy with the plans of God. His secret is with us, and He shows us His covenant. (ST, June 26, 1901)

Every true searcher of the Word lifts his heart to God, imploring the aid of the Spirit. And he soon discovers that which carried him above all the fictitious statements of the would-be teacher, whose weak, tottering theories are not sustained by the Word of the living God. These theories were invented by men who had not learned the first great lesson, **THAT GOD'S SPIRIT AND LIFE ARE IN HIS WORD.** If they had received in the heart the, they would see how tame and expressionless are all efforts to get something new to create a sensation. They need to learn **ETERNAL ELEMENT CONTAINED IN THE WORD OF GOD** the very first principles of the Word of God; they would then have the **word of life for the people**, who will soon distinguish the chaff from the wheat, for **Jesus left His promise with His disciples.**—Letter 132, 1900. {2SM 39.2}

The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His word He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power. Like their Master, they were to live **“by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”** Matthew 4:4. {DA 390.3}

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God. **And every soul is to receive life from God's word for himself.** As we must eat

for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another's mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell upon the thought until it becomes our own, and we know "what saith the Lord." {DA 390.4}

If the Spirit that is in the plant is the spirit in man, are we not in a dangerous position to say that some intelligent part of the Godhead lives in us! How will it be different in saying the same intelligent entity lives in plants and escape the accusation of pantheism? But lest I be accused of saying the same spirit in the plant is the same spirit in the converted heart, I'll like to say this: in a sense, it is the same Spirit of God but in the plant context we are talking about an energy or Law of nature holding everything together. In the conscience of a converted man, the Spirit is that mysterious spiritual divine power possessing and bringing the distinct personality of the Father and the Son but the unconverted man doesn't have the Spirit in the conscience since the Father and the Son are unwelcomed visitor still at the door of the heart knocking, God does not dwell in a sinner, it's the enemy that dwells there. What do we mean by personality on a basic level? It's the personal identity, the character of an individual, the very soul his of life, having individuality of features. It is the same Spirit however I don't believe our conscience is being worked by an energy. I would say it's more of an influence. So yes same Spirit, but different functions just like there are different gifts but same Spirit. God is not recreating our mind the exact same way He creates a tree. The tree has no choice but to appear; an energy is doing something. Our mind has a choice to reject the influence from taking hold of us. This is the same spirit power but working on different levels or doing a different work. God is using divine power to create things. In us He is using spiritual influence to create a new heart in us; same divine power yet functioning differently according to what is being worked on.

*The only safety for any of us is to plant our feet upon the Word of God and study the Scriptures, making God's Word our constant meditation. Tell the people to take no man's word regarding the Testimonies but to read them and study them for themselves, then they will know that they are in harmony with the truth. The Word of God is the truth. Of a good man the psalmist declares, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." He who puts mind and heart into this work gains a solid, valuable experience. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN THE WORD OF***

GOD. Here is the living, undying element so **DISTINCTLY REPRESENTED IN THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF JOHN.** [John 6:53-57, 63, quoted.] **MUCH IS BEING SAID REGARDING THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,** and by some this is being so interpreted that it is an injury to the churches. **ETERNAL LIFE IS THE RECEIVING OF THE LIVING ELEMENTS IN THE SCRIPTURES AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD.** This is eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. To those who do this, life and immortality are brought to light through the gospel, for **GOD'S WORD IS VERITY AND TRUTH, SPIRIT AND LIFE.** It is the privilege of all who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to feed on the Word of God. The Holy Spirit's influence renders that Word, the Bible, an immortal truth, which to the prayerful searcher gives spiritual sinew and muscle. "Search the Scriptures," Christ declared, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." Those who dig beneath the surface discover the hidden gems of truth. The Holy Spirit is present with the earnest searcher. Its illumination shines upon the Word, stamping the truth upon the mind with a new, fresh importance. The searcher is filled with a sense of peace and joy never before felt. The preciousness of truth is realized as never before. A new, heavenly light shines upon the Word, illuminating it as though every letter were tinged with gold. God Himself has spoken to the mind and heart, making the Word spirit and life. Every true searcher of the Word lifts his heart to God, imploring the aid of the Spirit. And he soon discovers that which carries him above all the fictitious statements of the would-be teacher, whose weak, tottering theories are not sustained by the Word of the living God. These theories were invented by men who had not learned the first great lesson, that God's Spirit and life are in His Word. If they had received in the heart the eternal element contained in the Word of God, they would see how tame and expressionless are all efforts to get something new to create a sensation. They need to learn the very first principles of the Word of God; they would then have the Word of life for the people, who will soon distinguish the chaff from the wheat, for Jesus left His promise with His disciples. Just before His crucifixion one of His disciples asked Him the question, "How is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings, and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" [John 14:22-27]. These words are not half comprehended by individuals, by families, or by church members, to whom and through whom, as His family, God would represent pure, unadulterated truth, which, if received and properly digested, brings eternal life.

Let us believe the Word. He who thus eats the bread of heaven is nourished every day, and will know what these words mean, "Need not that any man teach you" [1 John 2:27]. We have lessons pure from the lips of Him who owns us, who has bought us with the price of His own blood. The precious Word of God is a solid foundation upon which to build. When men come to you with their supposed suppositions, tell them that the Great Teacher has left you His Word, which is of incalculable value, that He has sent a Comforter in His own name, even the Holy Ghost. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Here is presented before us a rich banquet, of which all who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour may eat. He is the tree of life to all who continue to feed on Him. I am instructed to ask those who profess to receive Christ as their personal Saviour, Why do you pass by the words of the Great Teacher, and send your letters to human beings for words of comfort? Why do you rely upon human help when you have the large, full, grand promises, "He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. ... This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever"? He may die, yet the life of Christ in him is eternal, and he will be raised up at the last day. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (Letter 132, Oct. 10, 1900, to Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell)

*"The Word of God is open to all. Those who study this Word, asking the Lord for wisdom, will become wise unto salvation. Those who refuse to do this, who turn from the Bible and from books which make Bible truth easy to be understood, take responsibility of their course upon themselves. 'Sin lieth at the door.' All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and, like its Author, is perfect. **He who breathed into man the breath of life, and made him a living soul, has also breathed into His Word the breath of life. It is a lifegiving power. "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."** {Lt29-1900 (February 17, 1900) par. 17}*

*"God's people throughout the world are to become one in interested action. **We must eat the breath of life, the Word of the living God.**" {Lt12-1900 (February 5, 1900) par. 4}*

*“It required nothing less than **creative power** to restore health to that decaying body. The **same voice that spoke life to man created from the dust of the earth, had spoken life to the dying paralytic. And the same power that gave life to the body had renewed the heart. He who at creation “spake, and it was,” who “commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9), had spoken life to the soul dead in trespasses and sins. **The healing of the body was an evidence of the power that had renewed the heart.** Christ bade the paralytic arise and walk, “that ye may know,” He said, “that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.” {MH 77.2}***

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*“The word of God is the seed. Every seed has in itself a germinating principle. In it the life of the plant is enfolded. So there is life in God’s word. Christ says, ‘**The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life**’ (John 6:63). ‘He that **heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me,** hath everlasting life’ (John 5:24). In every command and in every promise of the word of God is the power, the very life of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. He who by faith receives the word is receiving the very life and character of God.” {COL 38.1}*

“Every seed brings forth fruit after its kind. Sow the seed under right conditions, and it will develop its own life in the plant. Receive into the soul by faith the incorruptible seed of the word, and it will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and the life of God.” {COL 38.2}

“The word of God--the truth--is the channel through which the Lord manifests His Spirit and power. Obedience to the word produces fruit of the required quality--‘unfeigned love of the brethren.’ This love is heaven-born and leads to high motives and unselfish actions.” {AA 519.3}

“Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven. Jesus declares, ‘Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.’ [John 6:53.] And he explains himself by saying, ‘The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.’ [John 6:63.] Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy, it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.” {CE 57.1}

“ ‘Herein is My Father glorified,’ said Jesus, ‘that ye bear much fruit.’ God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, of His own character. Yet the Saviour does not bid the disciples labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him. ‘If ye abide in Me,’ He says, ‘and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.’ It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The words of Christ are spirit and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live ‘by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’ (Matthew 4:4). The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.” {DA 677.1}

“The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His word He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power. Like their Master, they were to live ‘by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’ Matthew 4:4.” {DA 390.3}

*“The woman had come for water, and she heard of the **water of life**. She had been convinced of sin, and believed on Jesus Christ. Thus is the **holy oil is emptied by the holy messengers**, represented by the two olive trees, into the golden tubes, and from thence into the golden bowls. The **emptying process goes on, from the receiving of the golden oil, to the communicating of the same to others**. **Words are spoken; the unconscious influences** that surround the soul are felt, **although no words are designedly spoken**. **A word may be often spoken that will be as seed sown**. The presentation of a tract or a paper **may carry impressions to hearts**, and the result is that the reader or hearer thirsts for the water of life.” {Lt48-1897 (January 21, 1897) par. 8}*

*“Wonderful is the work which God designs to accomplish through His servants, that His name may be glorified. God made Joseph a **fountain of life** to the Egyptian nation. Through Joseph the life of that whole people was preserved. Through Daniel God saved the life of all the wise men of Babylon. And these deliverances were as object lessons; they illustrated to the people the spiritual blessings offered them through connection with the God whom Joseph and Daniel worshiped. So through His people today God desires to bring blessings to the world. Every worker in whose **heart Christ abides**, everyone who will show forth His love to the world, is a worker together with God for the blessing of humanity. **As he receives from the Saviour grace to impart to others, from his whole being flows forth the tide of spiritual life**. Christ came as the Great Physician to heal the wounds that sin has made in the human family, and **His Spirit, working through His servants**, imparts to sin-sick, suffering human beings a mighty healing power that is efficacious for the body and the soul. “In that day,” says the Scripture, “there shall be a **fountain opened** to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1. The **waters of this fountain** contain medicinal properties that will heal both physical and spiritual infirmities. {CH 209.2}*

*“The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, **in Christ's name**. He **personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality**.” {20MR 324.2} 1893*

In the context above the Holy Spirit is said to be a “distinct personality”. Distinct from who? The context clearly suggests that He is distinct from Christ. Also you cannot “personify” yourself. The above quote by the way is the oldest SOP quote in Ellen’s Writings to use personality language in the context of the Holy Spirit. This is one of those quotes where Trinitarians easily see non-Trinitarians are misrepresenting the truth when they claim the Holy Spirit is really the ghost of Jesus.

In the beginning was Eve, and Eve was with Adam and Eve was Adam. Is Eve the person of Adam? No, she is clearly not the person of Adam yet she is “called Adam” because of her nature. This is the same for God and His Son. The Holy Spirit is truly Christ in nature but not in personality when it comes to the Spirit in your heart. It is Christ’s divine nature we

receive through His spoken word that comes from Himself which He inherited from His Father. In this way we have both the Father and Son as we have their divine nature within our hearts produced by the word of God. This life given in the word forms Christ within but it functions in the human body as a “distinct personality”. The personality of Jesus is in Heaven with the personality of God but we are given the personality of the Holy Spirit through the word. Jesus has the “life of God” in Him yet Jesus is a distinct personality, and so it is with the Spirit as the Spirit is the “life of Christ and God” but is a distinct personality:

*“Science and literature cannot bring into the darkened mind of men the light which the glorious gospel of the Son of God can bring. The Son of God alone can do the great work of illuminating the soul. No wonder Paul exclaims, ‘For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.’ [Romans 1:16.] The **gospel of Christ becomes personality in those who believe, and makes them living epistles**, known and read of all men. In this way the leaven of godliness passes into the multitude. The heavenly intelligences are able to discern the true elements of greatness in character; for only goodness is esteemed as efficiency with God.” {CE 97.1}*

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*“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:” (Heb. 1:3)*

*“The youth need to understand the deep truth underlying the Bible statement that with God ‘is the fountain of life.’ **Not only is He the originator of all, but He is the life of everything that lives. It is His life that we receive in the sunshine, in the pure, sweet air, in the food which builds up our bodies and sustains our strength.** It is by **His life that we exist, hour by hour, moment by moment.** Except as perverted by sin, all His gifts tend to life, to health and joy.” {FLB 164.3 Ellen White}*

*“Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be **supernatural**, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the **power of God in Jesus Christ**. Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature. **This power the spiritualistic theories concerning God make of no effect.** If God is an essence pervading all nature, then **He dwells in all men;** and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.” {8T 291.3}*

Notice the outcome according to the SOP:

*“These **theories, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy.** They do away with the **necessity for the atonement and make man his own savior.** These theories regarding God **make His word of no effect,** and those who accept them are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the **whole Bible as a fiction.** They may regard virtue as better than vice; but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they **place their dependence upon human power,** which, without God, is worthless. The **unaided human will has no real power to resist and overcome evil.** The defenses of the soul are broken down. Man has no barrier against sin. When **once the restraints of God's word and His Spirit are rejected,** we know not to what depths one may sink.” {8T 291.4}*

*“Those who continue to hold **these spiritualistic theories will surely spoil their Christian experience, sever their connection with God, and lose eternal life.**” {8T 292.1}*

*“Thus I worked and suffered in my girlhood. And **all through my life I have had the same errors to meet, though not always in the same form.** In Living Temple the assertion is made that God is in the flower, in the leaf, in the sinner. **But God does not live in the sinner.** The Word declares that **He abides only in the hearts of those who love Him and do righteousness. God does not abide in the heart of the sinner; it is the enemy who abides there.”** {1SAT 343.1}*

*“Forty-five years ago, when I commenced my labors, we met many erroneous doctrines. One and another would say, “I have the truth, because my feelings tell me so.” 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.**”* {ST, November 24, 1887 par. 7}

Now notice how these two spirits operate:

*“The **spirit of Satan works** through wicked men to carry on his schemes for the ruin of souls.”* {ST, April 21, 1890 par. 4}

*“The **Spirit of God works in the believer's soul**, enabling him to advance from one line of obedience to another, reaching on from strength to greater strength, from grace to grace in Jesus Christ.”* {1SM 374.2}

Notice what Satan can do through his spirit:

*“There are many dreams arising from the common things of life with which the Spirit of God has nothing to do. There are also **false dreams, as well as false visions**, which are **inspired by the spirit of Satan**. But dreams from the Lord are classed in the word of God with visions and are as truly the fruits of the spirit of prophecy as visions. Such dreams, taking into the account the persons who have them, and the circumstances under which they are given, contain their own proofs of their genuineness.”* [VOL. 1, P. 569 (1867).] {5T 658.5}

*“I saw that Satan was working through agents in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers who have rejected the truth and are **given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned.** While they were preaching or praying, some would fall prostrate and helpless, not by the power of the Holy Ghost, but by the **power of Satan breathed upon these agents**, and through them to the*

people. While preaching, praying, or conversing, some professed Adventists who had rejected present truth used mesmerism to gain adherents, and the people would rejoice in this influence, for they thought it was the Holy Ghost. Some even that used it were so far in the darkness and deception of the devil that **they thought it was the power of God**, given them to exercise. They had made God altogether such a one as themselves and had valued His power as a thing of nought." {EW 43.4}

Of course John says that Christ "breathed" the Holy Spirit on His disciples after the resurrection. Notice this parallel:

"Then Jesus shewed me the difference between faith and feeling. And I saw those who rose up with Jesus send up their faith to Jesus in the Holiest, and praying, **Father give us thy spirit.** Then Jesus would **breathe on them the Holy Ghost.** In **the breath was light, power and much love, joy and peace.** Then I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne. They did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne and pray, My **Father give us thy spirit.** Then **Satan would breathe on them an unholy influence.** In it there was **light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace.** Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back **and deceive God's children.** I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, go and join those before the throne and **they at once received the unholy influence of Satan.**" {DS, March 14, 1846 par. 1}

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;²⁵ Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing **he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**²⁶ And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;²⁷ That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, **though he be not far from every one of us;**²⁸ For **in him we live, and move, and have our being;** as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." (Acts 17:24-28)

"Fathers and mothers, teach your children of the wonder-working power of God. **His power is manifest in every plant, in every tree that bears fruit.** Take the children into the garden and explain to them **how He causes the seed to grow.** The farmer plows his land and sows the seed, but he cannot make the seed grow. He must depend upon God to do that which no human power can do. The **Lord puts His own Spirit**

into the seed, causing it to spring into life. Under His care the germ breaks through the case enclosing it and springs up to develop and bear fruit." {8T 326.4}

"The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send is the **presence and power** of God." Nov. 23, 1891. {YRP 39.5}

Just as Psalms 139 says we see here that the Spirit and God's presence are one and the same.

"The psalmist represents the **presence of the Infinite One as pervading the universe**. "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." [Psalm 139:8.] **We can never find a solitude where God is not. The ever watchful eye of Omniscience is upon all our works**, and although He can marshal the armies of heaven to do His will, He condescends to accept the services of frail, erring mortals (ST July 14, 1881)." {3BC 1153.13}

In the above we can see why God's presence pervades the universe, because His "ever watchful eye of Omniscience is upon all our works". So in this we understand that God is able to see and act through all of His creation. To see the logical outcome of your personal belief all you have to do is substitute "presence" with your concept of the Holy Spirit. As we saw earlier:

"The Lord looketh **from** heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. ¹⁴**From the place of his habitation** he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth." (Psalm 33:13-14)

God doesn't need another God to do this for Him nor does He need to leave His body in order to do these things. More on God's "Presence":

"The heart not yet hardened by contact with evil is quick to recognize the **Presence that pervades all created things**. The ear as yet undulled by the world's clamor is attentive to the **Voice that speaks through nature's utterances**." {Ed 100.2}

Interesting that nature is said to have a voice because God's presence "pervades all created things." This makes perfect sense since God created all things by His word and this word contains His Spirit/life/power. Nature would thus have a voice for its Creator that we may hear if we are in tune with God. Nature testifies of God. If God has created a new heart in us through His word, we will testify of God.

"Nature is a power, but the **God of nature is unlimited in power**. His works **interpret his character**. Those who judge him from his handiworks, and not from the

suppositions of great men, will **see his presence in everything**. They behold his smile in the glad sunshine, and his love and care for man in the rich fields of autumn. Even the adornments of the earth, as seen in the grass of living green, the lovely flowers of every hue, and the lofty and varied trees of the forest, testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to his desire to make his children happy.”--S. of T., 1884, No. 11. {HL 285.1}

“Many teach that matter possesses vital power. They hold that certain properties are imparted to matter, and it is then left to act through its own inherent power; and that the operations of nature are carried on in harmony with fixed laws, that God himself cannot interfere with. **This is false science**, and is sustained by nothing in the word of God. **Nature is not self-acting; she is the servant of her Creator**. God does not annul his laws nor work contrary to them; but he is **continually using them** as his instruments. **Nature testifies of an intelligence, a presence, an active agency, that works in, and through, and above her laws**. There is in nature the **continual working** of the Father and the Son. Said Christ, ‘My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.’” {HL 290.1}

In the above we can see that nature does not sustain itself but rather God continually sustains nature by the “word of His power”. From SOP:

“God has finished his creative work, but **his energy is still exerted in upholding the objects of his creation**. It is not because the mechanism that was once been set in motion continues its work by its own inherent energy that the pulse beats, and breath follows breath; but every breath, every pulsation of the heart, is an **evidence of the all-pervading care of Him in whom we live and have our being**. It is not because of inherent power that year by year the earth produces her bounties, and continues her motion around the sun. The hand of God guides the planets, and keeps them in position in their orderly march through the heavens. **It is through his power** that vegetation flourishes, that the leaves appear and the flowers bloom. **His word controls the elements**, and by him the valleys are made fruitful. He covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth; he ‘maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.’ ‘He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.’ ‘When he **uttereth his voice**, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.’”--S. of T., 1884, No. 12. {HL 290.2}

*“The mechanism of the human body cannot be fully understood; it presents mysteries that baffle the most intelligent. It is not as the result of a mechanism, which, once set in motion, continues its work, that the pulse beats and breath follows breath. **In God we live and move and have our being.** The beating heart, the throbbing pulse, every nerve and muscle in the living organism, is kept in order and activity by the **power of an ever-present God.**”*

*The Bible shows us **God in His high and holy place**, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but **surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will.** **Through these messengers He is in active communication with every part of His dominion.** **By His Spirit He is everywhere present.** Through the **agency of His Spirit and His angels He ministers to the children of men.**” {MH 417.2}*

I hope you are beginning to understand that though God is in Heaven through His Spirit He is ever-present as He can see and act anywhere in the universe. He has angels filled with His Spirit to work in His behalf as they minister the word to us.

Once we make the connection that God has created all things we can allow Him to speak to us through His creation (limited and never above the written word). In “meditating upon His character” we see the idea how God can speak many words to us, this is best seen by beholding the life of Christ in our minds but nature as well. The words spoken to us through this meditation will germinate into the life of Christ, bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The sense of God’s presence will become more and more real to our minds as we see Him speaking to us through His Spirit. From SOP:

*“When in times of trouble and perplexity we trust Him fully, we have a living sense of His cheering, **all-pervading presence and power.** We realize that the Lord is indeed our strength and our portion forever. We can be one with Christ in God. But **let us never undertake to define God as an essence. Never, never venture one step into the way of putting God in the place of the things of His creation.**-- ‘spake, and it was,’ who ‘commanded, and it stood fast.’” Manuscript 126, Nov. 29, 1905, “A Warning Against Present Dangers.” {UL 347.7}*

Anytime we take God’s all-pervading presence and power and attach to it the meaning of His omniscient mind being everywhere we are putting God in the “place of the things of His creation,” and we are making Him an “essence.” The same is true in the Trinitarian views. Don’t even come close to making God an essence, not one step, and the only way you can do this is by leaving God “in Heaven, in His body”. From SOP:

*“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is **in the word of God**. This **word imparts power; it begets life**. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, **it brings with it the life of the Infinite One**. It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God.” (Ed, p. 126)*

Also:

*“It required **nothing less than creative power** to restore health to that decaying body. The **same voice that spoke life to man created from the dust of the earth, had spoken life to the dying paralytic**. And the **same power** that gave life to the body had **renewed the heart**. He who at creation ‘spake, and it was,’ who ‘commanded, and it stood fast’ (Psalm 33:9), had **spoken life** to the soul dead in trespasses and sins. The healing of the body was an **evidence of the power that had renewed the heart**. Christ bade the paralytic arise and walk, ‘that ye may know,’ He said, ‘that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.’ ” {MH 77.2}*

We must understand that it is through the word that God created all things and it is through the word that He creates a new heart in us. This word contains power and life and is manifest in the entire universe. *“A new element of **life and power** must be imparted by Him who made the world.” (DA, p. 37)*. The Spirit that holds the universe together is the same Spirit that converts us.

God’s life and power is manifest in all His creation. He can see all He has created from His throne in Heaven. If He can see all that goes on, then He is omnipresent. He doesn’t have to be physically or mentally there to be present. He is present by His Spirit in us, His angels, and He is present because He can see everything and act on everything in the universe from His throne in Heaven. If you are converted, you are bringing the presence of God to the world. The Holy Spirit is being withdrawn from this world because man is quenching the Spirit of God and becoming more and more like Satan in character. Whether you are ten feet from God’s throne or a billion light years you cannot escape His presence. The world doesn’t know God, and the presence of God, His Spirit, is not leading them. So we must bring God’s presence to them being fountains of living water. The unconverted do not have the presence of God in their hearts and is why the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from this world more and more. We do not understand the full impact of the angelic role as well as our role in bringing the Spirit of God to this world.

We non-Trinitarians have always known the Trinity doctrine is a pantheistic teaching yet because some don’t understand the **cause** of pantheism they fall for the same deception.

Rejecting that the Spirit is in the word of God is the foundation to spiritualism and panentheism.

In a sinner the spirit is just in him as a physical sustainer of life and not in his heart as the life of Christ converting the soul. So yea the sinner has a spirit but not working on his heart

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. That's why EGW says God does not dwell in the heart of a sinner

- God and Christ are the source of the Holy Spirit, hence the terms "Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ.
- Christ breathed (spoke) the Holy Spirit into all created angels as well as Adam. These angels continually behold God and Christ constantly drinking from the river of life, the word of God. These angels bring the Holy Spirit to earth via Jacob's ladder. They continually minister the word (seed) to humanity.
- We receive the Holy Spirit within our heart by faith in God's word. The word is a seed that contains the Holy Spirit. When unlocked by faith the Spirit is formed within the soul. We are to minister the Holy Spirit to the world.
- Every atom created by the word of God is held together by the Spirit which is the power of God. This same power is the personality of the Holy Spirit in humans once a new heart is created by the word.
- The Holy Spirit is an influence that emanates from God and Christ as the source and emanates from angels and humans as channels.

"The Holy Spirit is the spiritual life and power in the word of God that created and sustains every atom as well as being the divine influence in saints and good angels". Brethren, the divinity of Christ is ours through the life and power of His word.

"Thoughts of this order have a controlling power on our character. O, that every Christian might realize that he has a divine Companion with him always! 'And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.' As the mind dwells upon Christ, the character is moulded after the divine similitude. The thoughts are pervaded with a sense of his goodness,

*his love. **We contemplate his character, and thus he is in all our thoughts.** His love incloses us. If we gaze even for a moment upon the sun in its meridian glory, when we turn away our eyes, the image of the sun will appear in everything upon which we look. Thus it is when we behold Jesus; everything we look upon reflects his image, the Sun of Righteousness. We can not see anything else, or talk of anything else. His image is imprinted upon the eye of the soul, and affects every portion of our daily life, softening and subduing our whole nature. **By beholding, we are conformed to the divine similitude, even to the likeness of Christ.** To all with whom we associate, we reflect the bright and cheerful beams of his righteousness. We have become transformed in character; for heart, soul, mind, are irradiated by the light of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Here again there is a realization of a personal, living influence dwelling in our hearts by faith.” {ST, September 3, 1896 par. 5}*

CONCLUSIVELY

1. *Having a part of Christ literally in us will mean having his omniscience. It will mean we will not have to learn anything because we will have known everything. Let everyone decide for themselves about such a matter.*

2. *Christ being in the Father and Father being in Christ is the only way to unlock how they dwell in us, an interpretation contrary to this will not be genuine and this is the place I part with other MANY because the way the Trio statements are misapplied with Trinitarians, SOME Non-Trinitarians fail to distinguish how the Spirit is or is not a part of Christ.*

3. *God the Father = "Fullness of the Godhead BODILY"*

Christ the Son = "Fullness of the Godhead MANIFESTED"

The Spirit = "IN all the Fullness of the Godhead" - that is, it is something that originates "IN" the Father and Son. This Spirit is the sum total of Their Omniscience + Their Omnipotence. It flows out to all creation THROUGH THE WORD. This is established over and over again.

It's then inevitable that if the Holy Spirit is not a part of the Father and the Son, then is something emanating from them **IN fullness of the Godhead.**

4. *The word of God is the seed. Every seed has in itself a germinating principle. In it the life of the plant is enfolded. So there is life in God's word. Christ says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." John 6:63. "He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life." John 5:24. In every command and in every promise of the word of God is the power, the very life of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. He who by faith receives the word is receiving the very life and character of God. Every seed brings forth fruit after its kind. Sow the seed under right conditions, and it will develop its own life in the plant. Receive into the soul by faith the incorruptible seed of the word, and it will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and the life of God. {COL 38.1, 2}.*

Since every seed has its germinating principle, the underlying issue then is, the Holy Spirit is the germinating principle of God's word, THE LIFE THAT WAS PUT IN THE WORD BY THE FATHER but not the word itself. TWO ENTITIES YET INTRINSICALLY INSEPARABLE

5. *Going by the example of the blood transfusion as SoP uses the word transfusion, then we can securely conclude that, just as the blood of the donor does not equate to the donor living in the receiver, if the Holy Spirit is given in such a way, there is no way a person can escape the reality that Christ has given us something that has origin in him yet not part of him. This truth cuts both ways to the Trinitarians and some Non-Trinitarians. While Trinitarians claim a third God lives in them, some Non-Trinitarians will exclaim a part of God lives in them called The Holy Spirit whereas the reality is in the middle.*

It will be great to see how at last this will lead to the worship of true God and the whole atonement understanding.

Blessings