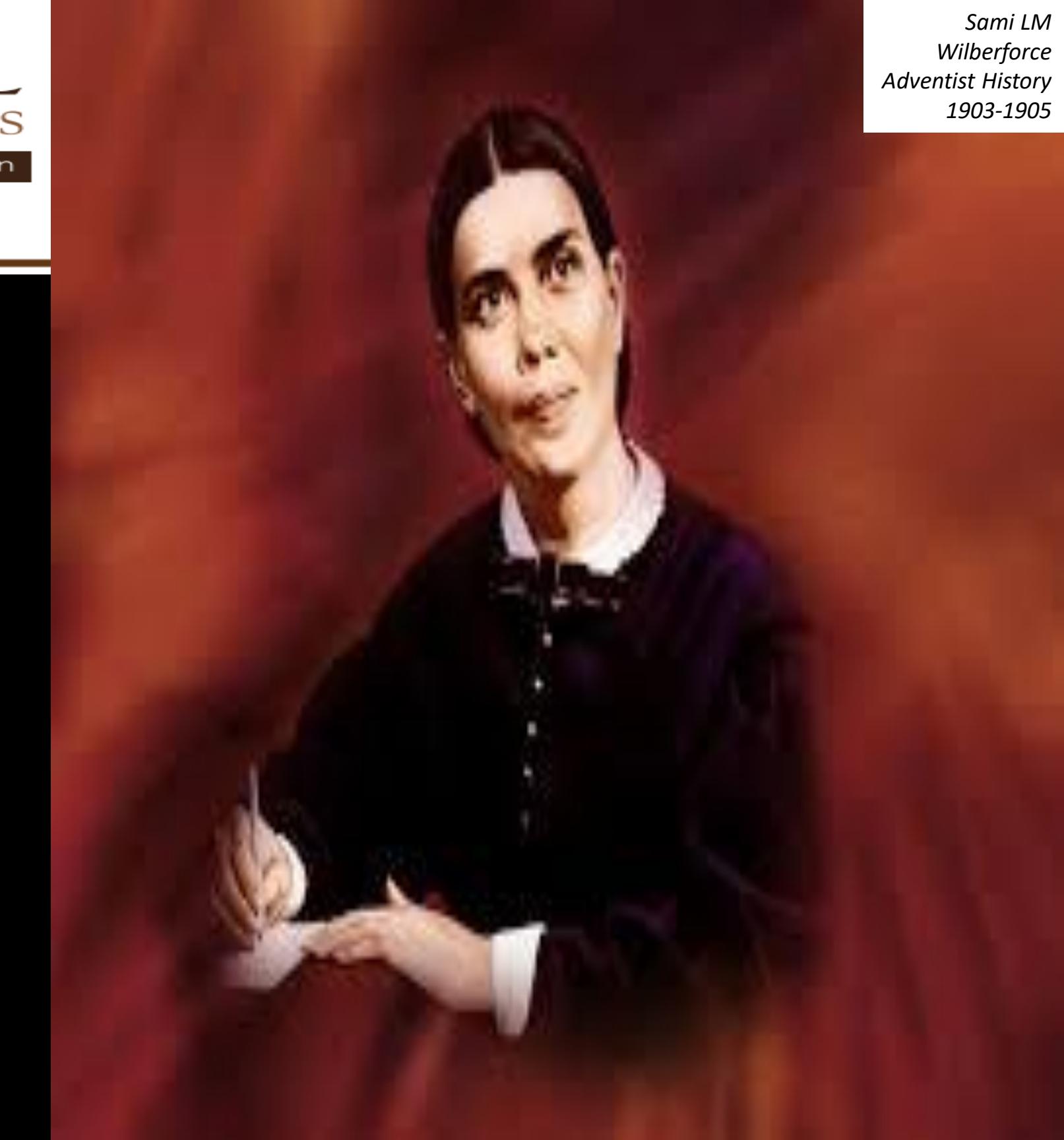




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# From Truth to the Alpha of Deadly Heresies

# EGW 1904

Many of our people do not realize how **firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid**. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. SpTB02 56

# 1822 William Miller – Articles of Belief

ART. II. I believe in one living and true God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, - as there is in man, the body, soul and spirit. And if any one will tell me how these exist, I will tell him how the **three persons** of the **Triune God** are connected.

ART. III. I believe that God, by his Son, created man in the image of the **Triune God**, with a **body, soul and spirit**; and that he was created a moral agent, capable of living, of obeying, or transgressing the laws of his Maker. Sylvester Bliss, Memoirs of William Miller, (1853) pages 77,78 – Written at Low Hampton, Sept. 5, 1822

# 1840 – 1842 William Miller

In the city of Portland the messages of the first and second angel were given in power by William Miller, Joshua Himes, Josiah Litch, and others. Lt14-1910

# 1842 W. Miller made a change

I believe in **God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is a Spirit, omnipresent, omniscient, having all power, creator, preserver, and self-existent. As being holy, just and beneficent, I believe in **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**, having a body in fashion and form like man, divine in his nature, human in his person, godlike in his character and power. He is a Savior for sinners, a priest to God, a mediator between God and man, and King in Zion. He will be all to his people, God with us forever.

**The spirit of the Most High is in him, the power of the Most High is given him**, the people of the Most High are purchased by him, the glory of the Most High shall be with him, and the kingdom of the Most High is his on earth. William Miller's Works Vol 1 (1842) page 33

# 1835 Joshua V. Himes

**At first, they [Adventists] were generally Trinitarians; subsequently they have, almost unanimously, rejected the Trinitarian doctrine as unscriptural.** Joshua V. Himes, 1835

# Pioneers had Trinitarian roots

William Miller – Baptist

Joshua V. Himes – Episcopalian – Christian Connection

James White – Baptist – Christian Connection (Non. Trinitarian)

J. H Waggoner – Baptist

E. J. Waggoner – Baptist

R. F. Cottrell – Baptist

G. I. Butler – Baptist

Hiram Edson – Methodist

Ellen White – Methodist

J. N. Andrews – Methodist

J. N. Loughborough – Methodist

J. B. Frisbee – Methodist

J. Bates – Congregationalist

# 1854 James White, RH

As **fundamental errors**, we might class with this counterfeit sabbath other errors which **Protestants have brought away from the Catholic church**, such as sprinkling for baptism, **the trinity**, the consciousness of the dead and eternal life in misery. The mass who have held these **fundamental errors**, have doubtless done it ignorantly; **but can it be supposed that the church of Christ will carry along with her these errors till the judgment scenes burst upon the world? We think not.**

J. S. White, Review & Herald, September 12, 1854

# 1855 J. N. Andrews

The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nicea, A. D. 325. **This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.** The infamous measures by which it was forced upon the church which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush. J. N. Andrews, Review & Herald, March 6, 1855

# 1861 J.N. Loughborough

**QUESTION:** What serious objection is there to the doctrine of the Trinity?

**ANSWER:** There are many objections which we might urge, but on account of our limited space we shall reduce them to the three following: **1. It is contrary to common sense. 2. It is contrary to scripture. 3. Its origin is Pagan and fabulous. ...**

**This doctrine of the trinity was brought into the church about the same time with image worship, and keeping the day of the sun, and is but Persian doctrine remodeled.** J. N. Loughborough, Review & Herald, November, 1861

# 1868 J. Bates

**Respecting the trinity**, I concluded that it was an impossibility for me to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, was also the Almighty God, the Father, one and the same being. **I said to my father, "If you can convince me that we are one in this sense, that you are my father, and I your son; and also that I am your father, and you my son, then I can believe in the trinity.** J. Bates, The Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates, pp. 204, 205. 1868

# 1880 Kellogg

Our reviewer seems to be somewhat displeased at our reference to the **doctrine of the trinity**, a doctrine which is confessedly in the highest degree **unphilosophical, unreasonable, and unreconcilable with common sense**, which leads us to conclude that we were not incorrect in supposing him to be a believer in the doctrine. J. H. Kellogg, Review and Herald, August 19th 1880

# 1881 James White

The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father.

J. S. White, Review & Herald, January 4, 1881

# 1882 Uriah Smith

The **Scriptures nowhere speak of Christ as a created being**, but on the contrary plainly state that **he was begotten of the Father**. But while as the Son he **does not possess a coeternity of past existence with the Father, the beginning of his existence, as the begotten of the Father, antedates the entire work of creation**, in relation to which he stands as joint creator with God. John 1:3; Heb 1:2. U. Smith, Thoughts on the Book of Daniel and the Revelation, p. 430. 1882

# 1886 EGW

**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.** EGW, Review and Herald, March 2, 1886

# 1888

# 1889 EGW

I have had the question asked, What do you think of this light that these men are presenting? Why, I have been presenting it to you for the **last forty-five years**—the **matchless charms of Christ**. This is what I have been trying to present before your minds. When **Brother Waggoner brought out these ideas in Minneapolis, it was the first clear teaching on this subject from any human lips I had heard, excepting the conversations between myself and my husband.** I have said to myself, It is because God has presented it to me in vision that I see it so clearly, and they cannot see it because they have never had it presented to them as I have. And when another presented it, **every fiber of my heart said, Amen.** Ms5-1889

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

Washburn was the son of Sabbatarian Adventist pioneer Calvin Washburn who had joined the Advent movement during the Millerite movement of the 1840s. As a youth J. S. Washburn had many opportunities to meet the founding pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Washburn claimed a rich SDA heritage. **He was converted by J. N. Andrews at 11, baptized by James White at 12 and began preaching Adventism at 21. He worked in the Iowa Conference.** It was from here that he came as a delegate to the 1888 General Conference Session. The spiritual struggles that occurred at this meeting left him groping about his own spiritual life--a problem that he later sorted through by counseling with Ellen White. **About this time he also began a correspondence with Mrs. White that lasted through the rest of her life (until her death in 1915).** Rejuvenated spiritually by the message of righteousness by faith Washburn went as a missionary to England. Up until that time the work in England had been struggling, but his creative tactics for drawing crowds and holding their attention literally changed the face of the church there from a small company of believers to literally hundreds who were converted at a time

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- There is evidence that British Adventism may not have survived but for his contribution as a powerful and creative evangelist. In addition to his intense study of the Spirit of Prophecy and desire to obtain “everything that Sister White wrote,” Washburn’s amazing memory enabled him to memorize much of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy writings. By 1918 he claimed to have memorized Revelation, Romans, James and Second Peter. He noted that his memory improved “with the study of the Bible and spirit of prophecy.” *By 1948 he claimed to have memorized the entire New Testament and was working toward committing Isaiah to memory.*

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- There is a most remarkable story regarding Washburn, 1888, and Ellen White:
- J. S. Washburn, who was a nephew of George I. Butler, was twenty-six years old in the year of 1888, the year when Brother Waggoner and Jones delivered to the Adventist Church the special message of ‘Righteousness by Faith’. **When he first heard the message he rejected it, because he felt that it was contrary to the established teachings of the Adventist Church concerning the law of God; thus he sided with Brother Uriah Smith and J. H. Morrison in their disavowal of the doctrine.** It was during this time that he first realized that Sister White was in full agreement with Jones and Waggoner, this knowledge led him to **question** Mrs. White's position as the Lord's special messenger. **After a short time of struggle, he met with Sister White and His doubts were dissolved.** He later recalled:

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- “So I went to have a visit with her in her tent at the Ottawa meeting. I told her I had always thought and believed that she was a prophet. But I was disturbed by the Minneapolis episode. I had thought Uriah Smith and J. H. Morrison were right. "Do you know why J. H. Morrison left the Conference early?" she asked me. I replied, "Yes." Then she told me just what Morrison had said to me--and the revelation of her apparently superhuman knowledge of that private, confidential conversation frightened me. **I realized that here was one who knew secrets.** Sister White told me of her Guide in Europe, who had stretched His hands out, and said, "There are mistakes being made on both sides in this controversy." Then she added that the "Law in Galatians" is not the real issue of the Conference. The real issue is Righteousness by faith! **"E. J. Waggoner can teach righteousness by faith more clearly than I can," said Sister White.** "Why, Sister White," I said, "do you mean to say that E. J. Waggoner can teach it better than you can, with all your experience?" Sister White replied, **"Yes, the Lord has given him special light on that question. I have been wanting to bring it out more clearly, but I could not have brought it out as clearly as he did. But when he brought it out at Minneapolis, I recognized it."** {Report of interview with Elder J. S. Washburn by R. J. Wieland June 4, 1950}

## 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

### Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- After this meeting, J. S. Washburn and his wife became dear friends with Ellen White. Brother Washburn was the Pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington. Mrs. White was a visitor in their home on occasion and the Ellen White Estate has on record several letters that Sister White wrote to the couple. “**May the Lord continue to bless the church in Washington is my prayer. I know the Lord blessed me when I was with you, and He blessed His people. Much love to all in your household, and much love to those with whom we took sweet counsel together in our precious meetings. The Lord lives and reigns, praise His holy name**”. {*The E. G. W. 1888 Materials*, p. 853, Chapter Title: To J. S. Washburn and wife}

## 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- It was the Conference's rejection of the special message of 'Righteousness by Faith', first given in 1888 that caused the writing of several letters from Mrs. White to the Washburn's. This rejection greatly sorrowed Sister White, and she wrote to Brother J. S. Washburn to encourage him to continue in the 'rays of the Sun of Righteousness', for she knew that he had now fully accepted the message. **Mr. Washburn became known as a true believer in the Spirit of Prophecy, and Ellen White considered him a defender of the Faith, which was once delivered unto the saints.**

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- With the knowledge that the Seventh-day Adventist Church did not begin to incorporate **the trinity doctrine into its beliefs until 1931 (after the death of the pioneers, including E. G. White)**; and with the previous information on just who J. S. Washburn was, and his relationship to Sister White, the reader will be able to better appreciate the significance of his letter.
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- The letter by Washburn
- "The doctrine of the Trinity is a cruel heathen monstrosity, removing Jesus from his true position of Divine Savior and Mediator.*** It is true we can not measure or define divinity. It is beyond our finite understanding, yet on this subject of the personality of God the Bible is very simple and plain. ***The Father, the Ancient of Days, is from eternity. Jesus was begotten of the Father.*** Jesus speaking through the Psalmist says: "The Lord (Jehovah) has said unto me, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee." - Psalm 2:7. Again in Proverbs (where Jesus is spoken of under the title of wisdom, See 1 Cor. 1:24), we read: "The Lord (Jehovah) possessed me in the beginning of his way" v. 22 "Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth." - v. 24. ***The Son says he was brought forth, begotten, born of His Father (Jehovah).***

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- . Satan has taken some heathen conception of a three-headed monstrosity, and with deliberate intention to cast contempt upon divinity, has woven it into Romanism as our glorious God, an impossible, absurd invention. **This monstrous doctrine transplanted from heathenism into the Roman Papal Church is seeking to intrude its evil presence into the teachings of the Third Angel's Message.** ...And the fact that Christ is not the mediator in the Roman Church demonstrates that the Trinity destroys the truth that Christ is the one, the only mediator. The so-called Christian Church, the Papacy, that originated the doctrine of the Trinity, does not recognize him as the only mediator but substitutes a multitude of ghosts of dead men and women as mediators. **If you hold the Trinity doctrine, in reality, Christ is no longer your mediator.** ...

# 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

## Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- *The whole Trinity doctrine is utterly foreign to all the Bible and the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Revelation gives not the slightest hint of it. This monstrous heathen conception finds no place in all the free universe of our Blessed heavenly Father and His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...The Catholic heathen doctrine of the Sunday Sabbath is just as sacred as the Catholic pagan doctrine of the Trinity and no more so...Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have "come out of Babylon", to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy, and the very Omega of apostasy?...*

## 1888 – LITTLE HISTORY

Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 – 1955)

- However kindly or beautiful or apparently profound his sermons or articles may be, **when a man has arrived at the place where he teaches the heathen Catholic doctrine of the Trinity, and denies that the Son of God died for us, is he a true Seventh-day Adventist? Is he even a true preacher of the Gospel?** And when many regard him as a great teacher and accept his unscriptural theories, *absolutely contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy, it is time that the watchmen should sound a note of warning.*" {Portions of a letter written by J. S. Washburn in 1939.} (This letter was liked by a conference president so much that he distributed it to 32 of his ministers.)

# 1890 EGW

They must have **His grace**, the **Spirit of Christ**, to help their infirmities, or they cannot resist evil. Jesus loves to have us come to Him just as we are, sinful, helpless, dependent. SC 52

# 1890 Uriah Smith

**Question:** J. W. W. asks: 'Are we to understand that the Holy Ghost is **a person, the same as the Father and the Son?** Some claim that it is, others that it is not.

**Answer:** 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.** Review and Herald, Oct. 28th, 1890

# 1890 E. J. Waggoner

The Scriptures declare that Christ is "the only begotten son of God." **He is begotten, not created.** As to when He was begotten, it is not for us to inquire, nor could our minds grasp it if we were told. ... **There was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father** (John 8:42; 1:18), **but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning.** But the point is that **Christ is a begotten Son and not a created subject.** He has by inheritance a more excellent name than the angels; He is "a Son over His own house." Heb. 1:4; 3:6. And since He is the only-begotten son of God, He is of **the very substance and nature of God and possesses by birth all the attributes of God,** for the Father was pleased that His Son should be the **express image of His Person,** the brightness of His glory, and filled with all the fullness of the Godhead. So **He has "life in Himself."** **He possesses immortality** in His own right and can confer immortality upon others. E. J. Waggoner, 1890, Christ and His Righteousness

# 1892 EGW

**Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people.**

He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. **Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities.** Their will must be submitted to his will, **they must act with his spirit,** that it may be no more they that live, but **Christ that liveth in them.**

ST October 3, 1892, par. 4

# 1893 EGW,

The **fallen denominational churches** are **Babylon**. Babylon has been fostering **poisonous doctrines**, the **wine of error**.

RH September 12, 1893

# 1894 H. C. Lacey

As I already stated, I was really a Trinitarian at heart. And I went through Healdsburg College, and Battle Creek College, with a dim sort of a feeling that there was something wrong about our teaching on the Ministry and **Personality of the Holy Ghost.** (Of course, that term was never used, except in reading from the Bible,—it was always ‘Holy Spirit’ and referred to as ‘it.’) And then in the Testimonies I noticed that, practically everywhere, the same language was used,— ‘Holy Spirit’ ‘it’ ‘its’ etc., as though the ‘Spirit of God’ were an influence, instead of a Person, the Third Person of the Godhead.

# 1895 Kellogg

...(in 1895) a Dr. A. H. Lewis, editor of the Sabbath Recorder, prominent among Seventh Day Baptists, and **steeped in pantheism**, visited Battle Creek and was entertained in the Kellogg home (Mrs. Kellogg was a Seventh Day Baptist). Lewis talked his pantheistic views, which did not fall on deaf ears. Kellogg first introduced pantheism publicly in 1897 in a series of talks at the ministerial institute that preceded the General Conference session held in the College View church at Lincoln, Nebraska. 5BIO 281

# 1897 EGW

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). **It is not physical life that is here specified, but immortality, the life which is exclusively the property of God.** The Word, who was with God, and who was God, had this life. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. **Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him.** “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. **“This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”** (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world.

# 1898 U. Smith

**God alone is without beginning. At the earliest epoch when a beginning could be, - a period so remote that to finite minds it is essentially eternity, - appeared the Word.** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1. U. Smith, Looking Unto Jesus, p. 10.

1898

# 1899 A. T. Jones

He was born of the Holy Ghost. In other words, **Jesus Christ was born again.** He came from heaven, **God's first-born**, to the earth, and was born again. But all in Christ's work goes by opposites for us: He, the sinless one, was made to be sin in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. He, the living One, the Prince and Author of life, died that we might live. **He whose goings forth have been from the days of eternity, the first-born of God, was born again in order that we might be born again.** A. T. Jones, Review & Herald, July 7 – August 1, 1899

# THE KELLOGG CRISIS

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

## St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

Dr. Kellogg,—

I have read your letter. It makes my heart very sad to consider the way you are placed before me, and this is the reason I have not for a time felt that I could write to you. My heart is very sad over your case. I cannot possibly answer your letter.

I hoped very much for you after the General Conference. I tried in every way to encourage the brethren to do all in their power to remove everything possible from your path and to co-operate with you; but I am very sorry now that I labored so unremittingly to place your case as one who would place your feet on the right platform and would yet see where you have made your mistakes in the past. As long as you sustain yourself in your actions, you are only planning more extensively to set your food business in operation in every place. You will work by wrong methods, and commercial things will be your ambition. You will carry your own way, when your way is not God's way.

I have been instructed that when you shall be worked by the Holy Spirit will be when you have a new heart and are born again. I supposed that the conference meeting in Battle Creek would be the time of your entire conversion, but your heart is not right with God. The Spirit of God is not working you. You need now not to rush and drive, but to be converted. You are not sound in the faith. The work which is essential to be done for our people, our youth, is to educate them to believe the truth that has made our people what they are in numbers and in strength. This is the work for this time and is to be acknowledged and not denied as you have and are denying the faith.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

## St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

You are not sound in the truth. Your statements made to believers and unbelievers misrepresent us as a people who have not changed the truth for error. They detract from the influence God would have us possess before the world in revealing in plain, unmistakable language that we are true to the principles of our faith and that we hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. We are strictly denominational. We believe in 1903 the same truths we did believe when we established the Sanitarium and the College in Battle Creek, and we know that we had no ifs or ands about this matter.

While you have told the things that you have and made the statements you have before unbelievers, my heart has been sad indeed. You have evidenced that you have departed from the faith. The very statements you have made before worldly men of influence, as the papers have reported your words, have been presented to me distinctly from your lips as you have spoken them. We cannot labor to give you influence as one whom we can trust with the sacred work connected with our institutions, for you need first to be converted and led.

## EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

### St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

You are not sound in the faith. I have stated this in my diary months ago. You have certainly placed the people of God, whom the Lord has led step by step in the ways of truth and placed upon a solid foundation, in a false showing before unbelievers. Some have departed from the faith and will continue to misrepresent the work God has given me. The sanctuary question is a clear and definite doctrine as we have held it as a people. 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.**

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

## St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

Why should you take the liberty to make the statements which you have made, as though you had authority for thus stating, when they are falsehoods? You have made the facts of our faith of none effect before unbelievers, and the truth which should ever be kept prominent and exalted with this people you have virtually denied and ignored in your many statements. How dared you to do this? It necessitates us now to present our true position which constitutes us Seventh-day Adventists. Whatever influence God has given you in the past has been in mercy to you, letting the light shine upon you.

We cannot for a moment have any misrepresentation upon these solemn and important subjects of truth which have been the faith of our people since 1844. This means much to us. The Lord would have me say to you that the enemy has, through his specious deceptions, placed his unbelief in your mind, and you have been working it out. All who receive your presentations will enter upon strange paths if they connect with you. You are bringing in strange, common fire, but not the fire of God's own kindling; and now I must speak plainly to our people that the Lord has led us step by step and shown us clear light upon the heavenly sanctuary in the most holy of holies where God revealed Himself to His appointed ones.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

## St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

Now I cannot state half that I wish, but we must have no controversy with you. God has brought out a people, and His Holy Spirit has opened to them His Word, clear and conclusive. We are to be lightbearers to the world. All are to be a unit and follow step by step as led by the Lord. We are not to go back, denying our past experience, but to press forward and upward and make straight paths for our feet lest the lame—the weak in faith—be turned out of the way.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 301, 1903

## NP April 5, 1903

Dr. Kellogg,—

It has been presented to me that we are not to become represented to the world as a people forsaken of God. They will put the worst constructions upon our people now, if there is not the wisest management. We stand before the world, Dr. Kellogg, as you have misrepresented us as a people; and our leading brethren will not be clear until they have given the facts, that the work and cause of God have been greatly misrepresented by those who have placed the grand soul-testing message as nothingness, as without weight.

The Lord inquires, Who has given you this work to do? Our brethren would have felt called upon to do something in this line had I spoken long ago the things I knew. I supposed you would rally yourself and make matters straight, but I have been instructed that we must correct this error and this false light in which you have placed us as a people before the people who know not the truth.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 301, 1903

## NP April 5, 1903

There was one by your side working you. It was the one who was the prince of the power of the air, and you were represented as linked up with him—your arm in his, his mind molding your mind, and putting us, the remnant people of God, in a false light before Seventh-day Adventists and the world, while representing yourself in a false light as the great power of God. This stands against you in the books of heaven. “False, false,” said the heavenly messenger. You were weighed in the balance and found wanting. When any message and warning has been unheeded, your excuses have been framed by one who was by your side. **The specious, scheming representations of God in nature carry their charming, soothing influence as a peace and safety pill to give to the people in the spiritualistic views that Satan has instituted in your theories.**

These words were spoken with great force, in a loud voice, “What is the chaff to the wheat?” The churches need now the winnowing process, the cleansing of the soul temple from all these pleasant pictures Satan has been devising, ready to frame in the imagination.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 301, 1903

## NP April 5, 1903

I am now to lift the note of warning and give the trumpet a certain sound. Wake up, brethren; wake up from your peace and safety attitude and seek the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is now nigh, in every church, with fasting, with confession and true repentance of heart. I am instructed to say that those who, "being often reproved," hardeneth their hearts, "shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," meaning that there will be no chance for repentance, no chance to redeem the past. They are passed beyond the time, and the word is given, "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." Hosea 4:17.

It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matthew 21:13. This is applicable to many of the devisings and plannings under the suggestions of the power of him who is called the prince of the power of the air. As God sends warnings, and these warnings have had no influence, then the prince of the power of the air has some wonderful, successful thing to present in beautiful pictures and soft, smooth sayings—words that please the fancy of the human mind. Nought but the clear discernment of the Holy Spirit of God can perceive the genuine track of truth. Solid, eternal truth is our only safety now from specious errors dressed in the angelic robes of science.

# EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 301

## April 7, 1903 St. Helena, California

I have many things to say. The track of error lies close beside the track of truth, and at first sight many feet will be led astray, supposing they are in the very exalted way cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in; but that deceptive track widens more and more until all kinds of makeshifts and delusive, beautiful things, professedly called the truth, enter upon it.

The Lord presented before me one year ago that even in the medical missionary work Satan will weave in his specious devising, seeming to be very plausible and beautiful. The instruction given me was that this very thing has been taking place, and the warning was given: Ye shall be cast out, smitten and taken unawares, all ye that say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." All those fine angel garments that **clothe the errors in splendid representations** will I strip from them, and they shall appear in their true characters, for deception and apostasy will certainly be developed unless the people are warned.

## EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

### St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

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## **BACKTRACK / FAST FORWARD**

**Sanitarium and Publishing House Cleanses**

**February and December 1902 - 1905**

The five thousand dollars which would be used in erecting the addition to the Review and Herald building should be invested in the work in other places, where the gospel of truth has not yet been preached. {PH151 20.2} I feel a terror of soul as I see to what a pass our publishing house has come. The presses in the Lord's institution have been printing the soul-destroying theories of Romanism and other mysteries of iniquity. This is taking all sacredness from the office. The managers are loading the guns of the enemy and placing them in their hands, to be used against the truth. How does God regard such work?--In the books of heaven are written the words, Unfaithful stewardship. **Thus God regards the publication of matter which comes from Satan's manufactory,--his hellish, scientific delusions.** {PH151 20.3} **The office must be purged of this objectionable matter.** I have a testimony from the Lord for those who have placed such matter in the hands of the workers. God holds you accountable for presenting to young men and young women the fruit of the forbidden tree of knowledge. Can it be possible that you have not a knowledge of the warnings given to the Pacific Press on this subject? Can it be possible that with a knowledge of these warnings you are going over the same ground, only doing much worse? It has often been repeated to you that angels of God are passing through every room in the office. What impression has this made on your minds? {PH151 20.4}

You have given **matter containing Satan's sentiments** into the hands of the workers, bringing his deceptive, polluting principles before their minds. The Lord looks upon this action on your part as helping Satan to prepare his snare to catch souls. God will not hold guiltless those who have done this thing. He has a controversy with the managers of the publishing house. I have been almost afraid to open the Review, fearing to see that **GOD HAS CLEANSED THE PUBLISHING HOUSE BY FIRE.** {PH151 21.1} The Lord has instructed me that those who cannot see the wickedness of co-operating with **Satan by publishing his falsehoods** might better seek some work in which they will not ruin our youth, body and soul. There is danger that the standard of truth and righteousness will be so lowered that God will bring His judgments upon the wrong-doers. {PH151 21.2} It is high time that we understood what spirit has for years been controlling matters at the Review and Herald Office. I am horrified to think that the most subtle phase of Spiritualism should be placed before the workers, and that in a way calculated to confuse and perplex the mind. Be assured that Satan will follow up the advantage thus given him. {PH151 21.3}

## EGW 1902

During the years leading up to the turn of the century, Dr. Kellogg had begun to introduce Pantheistic teachings (God in everything) in the General Conference Sessions. These teachings were a departure from the foundational truths regarding the personality of God and Christ. By 1901 Pantheism was rampant in Battle Creek. In February of 1902 the Battle Creek Sanitarium was destroyed by fire. Dr. Kellogg was commissioned to write a new book, the sale of which would aid rebuilding costs. His book was to be called *The Living Temple*. He was warned not to include his 'new' theories in it, but he did. In December of the same year the Review and Herald Publishing House burned to the ground, with the plates of Kellogg's new book. In 1901 Ellen White had written "I have been almost afraid to open the *Review*, fearing to see that God has cleansed the publishing house by fire.—Letter 138, 1901" {*Testimonies Volume. 8*, p. 91}. Her fear materialized when she heard of the *Review and Herald* fire.



John Harvey Kellogg

## W.A. Spicer 1902

- Dr. Kellogg was offered the suggestion of writing a simple book on physiology and health-care that could be sold by colporteurs, he jumped at the opportunity and wrote "The Living Temple," with its Hinduistic sentiments. Working rapidly, Kellogg dictated the contents of the book to a secretary who then typed it out. Soon the book had been typeset at the nearby Review and Herald office, and galley proofs of "The Living Temple" were handed to W.W. Prescott to look at. He was shocked and took them to Elder W.A. Spicer. Now, it just so happened that Elder Spicer had been for many, years a missionary in India-and when he read Kellogg's book, he was astounded. Here was Hindu pantheism right in front of him, and slated to be printed soon and sent out to the four winds for reading and selling by Seventh-day Adventists across North America!

## W.A. Spicer 1902

- But when questions came to Kellogg or his associates about the matter, they replied that it was "advanced light" for the Church, and that should settle the matter. The book was no problem to Kellogg's associates for he had been grinding these ideas into their minds for several years. Waiting for Kellogg's return to town from a business trip, Spicer then made an appointment to visit with him at his large home. Spicer later wrote up the afternoon discussion:
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- "Where is God?" I was asked. I would naturally say, He is in heaven; there the Bible pictures the throne of God, all the heavenly beings at His command as messengers between heaven and earth. But I was told that God was in the grass and plants and in the trees.

## W.A. Spicer 1902

- "Where is heaven?" I was asked. I had my idea of the center of the universe, with heaven and throne of God in the midst, but disclaimed any attempt to fix [locate] the center of the universe astronomically. But I was urged to understand that heaven is where God is, and God is everywhere-in the grass, in the trees, in all creation. There was no place in this scheme of things for angels going between heaven and earth, for heaven was here and everywhere. The cleansing of the sanctuary that we taught about was not something in a faraway heaven."-W.A. Spicer, in "How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis," p. 18.

## W.A. Spicer 1902

- It should be remembered that the apostasy of Kellogg and Ballenger in the 1903-1905 crisis was termed the "alpha" of apostasy by Ellen White. She warned that the "omega" would follow later and be even worse. Keep in mind that the "alpha" involved both by Kellogg and by Ballenger-a repudiation of our basic Sanctuary Message: a two apartment actual building in heaven, with Jesus as our High priest in that Sanctuary from A.D. 31 on down to 1844 in the first apartment, and from 1844 onward to the close of probation in the second, as he carries out the final atonement in connection with an examination of the records of all who have professed faith in Him down through the ages (the Investigative Judgment) [see "Great Controversy, chapters 23-24, 28 for the clearest, most accurate portrayal of this extremely important doctrine). A careful study of both aspects of this twin apostasy of 1903-1905 will disclose that both denied these basic truths. The "new theology" in our day denies it also, and many of our young pastors no longer believe in a two-apartment sanctuary in heaven or in several other of the above stated points of the ministry of Christ within it. Ask your pastor and see what he has to say on the Sanctuary Message.

## W.A. Spicer 1902

Summarizing his afternoon conversation with Dr. Kellogg, Elder Spicer said this:

- "I knew well enough that there was nothing of the Advent message that could fit into such a philosophy. As I had listened, one light after another of the gospel message seemed to be put out. Religious teaching that to me was fundamental was set aside." W.A. Spicer, in "How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis," p. 18.

- It is perhaps a little known fact of history that Dr. Kellogg, in promoting pantheism, had actually come to believe in the **doctrine of the trinity** A doctrine that was as foreign to the church as Sunday sacredness. Kellogg had come to believe in three divine beings (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) and he expressed that this belief is exactly what he meant to say in his book *The Living Temple*.
- Not only that, but Kellogg claimed support from Ellen White's writings in promoting His ideas. Foremost among his ideas was the new teaching regarding the Holy spirit as a third being besides the Father and the Son. Did Mrs. White come to believe in God as a Trinity? Did she begin to teach that the Holy Spirit is indeed a third separate being with the Father and Son? Why then did she continue to write statements which were clearly not Trinitarian?

## Standish Brothers

Dr. Kellogg refused to accept the General Conference Committee's reasonable decision against publication of *The Living Temple*. In defiance, Dr. Kellogg personally funded the printing of the book at the Review and Herald. Many believe that God could no longer protect His printing establishment. Approximately one month after Dr. Kellogg's order was placed the Review and Herald building was burned to the ground, and the plates, already prepared for the printing of *The Living Temple*, were destroyed with it.

***The General Conference Confronts Apostasy - By Russell R. Standish, Colin D. Standish***

It had been hoped that in connection with the destruction of the book plates in the Review and Herald fire, Dr. Kellogg would abandon the matter of publishing *The Living Temple*. But instead he sent the manuscript to a commercial printer in Battle Creek. Three thousand copies of the book were printed and began to make their way among Seventh-day Adventists. In due time in the summer of 1903 a copy of *The Living Temple* arrived at Elmshaven, but Ellen White did not look at it. In September of that year she was compelled to speak out plainly against these errors. “I have some things to say to our teachers in reference to the new book, “*The Living Temple*”. **Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God.** As the Lord represents matters to me, these sentiments do not bear the endorsement of God. They are a snare that the enemy has prepared for these last days. I thought that this would surely be discerned, and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it. **But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim.**” {Letter 211, 1903}

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When the messages were read at the Council in Washington, Dr. Kellogg responded favorably, saying that he accepted the testimony and that he would modify the wording in *The Living Temple* dealing with theological matters. But his statements were rather erratic and changeable. His attitude alternated, and it finally turned out that the doctor never really changed.

## A. G. Daniells 1903

- “Ever since the council closed I have felt that I should write you confidentially regarding Dr. Kellogg’s plans for revising and republishing ‘The Living Temple’.... He (Kellogg) said that some days before coming to the council, he had been thinking the matter over, and began to see that he had made a slight mistake in expressing his views. He said that all the way along **he had been troubled to know how to state the character of God and his relation to his creation works**...He then stated that his former **views regarding the trinity** had stood in his way of making a clear and absolutely correct statement; but that within a short time **he had come to believe in the trinity** and could now see pretty clearly where all the difficulty was, and believed that he could clear the matter up satisfactorily.

- *He told me that he now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; and his view was that it was God the Holy Ghost, and not God the Father, that filled all space, and every living thing.* He said if he had believed this before writing the book, he could have expressed his views without giving the wrong impression the book now gives. *I placed before him the objections I found in the teaching, and tried to show him that the teaching was so utterly contrary to the gospel that I did not see how it could be revised by changing a few expressions. We argued the matter at some length in a friendly way; but I felt sure that when we parted, the doctor did not understand himself, nor the character of his teaching.* And I could not see how it would be possible for him to flop over, and in the course of a few days fix the books up so that it would be all right.” {Letter: A. G. Daniells to W. C. White. October 29, 1903. pp. 1, 2}

## What was EGW saying? 1884

- “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 was EGW saying? 1891

- The converted soul lives in Christ. His darkness passes away, and a new and heavenly light shines into his soul. "He that winneth souls is wise." "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." What is done through the co-operation of men with God is a work that shall never perish, but endure through the eternal ages. He that makes God his wisdom, that grows up into the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus, will stand before kings, before the so-called great men of the world, and show forth the praises of Him who hath called him out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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." **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. {RH, December 15, 1891 par. 9}

## What was EGW saying? 1898

- **God's holy, educating spirit is in his word.** A light, a new and precious light, shines forth upon every page. Truth is there revealed, and words and sentences are made bright and appropriate for the occasion, as the voice of God speaking to them. {PH086 45.1}
- We need to recognize the Holy Spirit as our enlightener. **That Spirit loves to address the children, and discover to them the treasures and beauties of the word of God.** The promises spoken by the Great Teacher will captivate the senses and animate the soul of the child with a spiritual power that is divine. There will grow in the fruitful a familiarity with divine things which will be as a barricade against the temptations of the enemy. {PH086 45.2}
- The work of teachers is an important one. **They should make the word of God their meditation.** God will communicate by his own Spirit to the soul. Pray as you study, "Lord, open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." When the teacher will rely upon God in prayer, the Spirit of Christ will come upon him, and **God will work through him by the Holy Spirit upon the minds of the student.** The Holy Spirit fills the mind and heart with sweet hope, and courage, and Bible imagery, and this will be **communicated to the student, the words of truth will grow in importance, and assume a breadth and fulness of meaning of which you have never dreamed.** **The beauty and virtue of the word of God has a transforming influence upon mind and character; the sparks of heavenly love will fall upon the hearts of the children as an inspiration.** We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them. {PH086 45.3}

## What was EGW saying? 1899

- John 20:22 - By his heavenly gifts the Lord has made ample provision for his people. An earthly parent can not give his child a sanctified character. He can not transfer his character to his child. God alone can transform us. **Christ breathed on his disciples, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."** This is the great gift of heaven. Christ imparted to them through the Spirit his own sanctification. He imbued them with his power, that they might win souls to the gospel. **Henceforth Christ would live through their faculties, and speak through their words.** They were privileged to know that hereafter he and they were to be one. They must cherish his principles and be controlled by his Spirit. **They were no longer to follow their own way, to speak their own words.** The words they spoke were to proceed from a sanctified heart, and fall from sanctified lips. No longer were they to live their own selfish life; Christ was to live in them and speak through them. He would give to them the glory that he had with the Father, that he and they might be one in God. {GCB, October 1, 1899 par. 12}

## What was EGW saying? 1900

. ***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, and 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." [Psalms 1:2]. 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.***

{Lt132-1900}

## What was EGW saying? 1900

- ***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}

## What was EGW saying? 1903

- “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}

## What was EGW saying? 1903

- *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}

# What was EGW saying? 1903

- *Life in God's Word*
- *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*** John 6:63. {FLB 21.1} 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." . . . 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.** {FLB 21.2} By partaking of this Word our spiritual strength is increased; we grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth. Habits of self-control are formed and strengthened. The infirmities of childhood--fretfulness, willfulness, selfishness, hasty words, passionate acts--disappear, and in their place are developed the graces of Christian manhood and womanhood. {FLB 21.3} In its power, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The profane have become reverent, the drunken sober, the profligate pure. Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have been transformed into the image of God. {FLB 21.4} Would you become assimilated to the divine image? . . . Would you drink of the water which Christ shall give you, which shall be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life? Would you bear fruit to the glory of God? Would you refresh others? **Then with heart hungering for the bread of life, the Word of God, search the Scriptures, and live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Your soul's sanctification and righteousness will result from faith in the Word of God, which leads to obedience of its commands.** Let the Word of God be to you as the voice of God instructing you, and saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21. Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17. {FLB 21.5}

## What was EGW saying? 1904

- “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}

# What was EGW saying? {Lt1-1904}

- *Food for My Soul*
- *And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, **That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.** Luke 4:4. {FLB 20.1} The Word of God is to be our spiritual food. {FLB 20.2} **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. . . . {FLB 20.3} 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 eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. . . . {FLB 20.4} In His promises and warnings, Jesus means me. . . . The experiences related in God's Word are to be my experiences. Prayer and promise, precept and warning, are mine. {FLB 20.5} **The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. The 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.** . . . {FLB 20.6} The life thus imparted is in like manner sustained. "By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4) shall man live. The mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds; and it rests with us to determine upon what it shall be fed. It is within the power of every one to choose the topics that shall occupy the thoughts and shape the character. {FLB 20.7} Youth, in the name of Jesus I appeal to you whom I shall soon meet around the throne of God, Study your Bible. It will prove to you not only the pillar of cloud by day but the pillar of fire by night. It opens before you a path leading up and still upward, bidding you go forward. The Bible--you do not know its worth! It is a book for the mind, for the heart, for the conscience, the will, and the life. It is the message of God to you, in such simple style that it meets the comprehension of a little child. The Bible--precious Book! {FLB 20.8}*

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- Dr. Kellogg had come to believe in the doctrine of the trinity. He believed in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit! Are there people today who believe the same thing? Was Ellen White aware that Kellogg wanted to revise his book and include a trinity of three god-beings? Did she have any words to say about this? She most certainly did, in light of the fact that the above letter was sent to her son; she most surely had something to say about the republishing of the book to include a doctrine of a trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit).

- “***The book Living Temple is not to be patched up, a few changes made in it, and then advertised and praised as a valuable production.*** [...] When you wrote that book you were not under the inspiration of God. There was by your side the one who inspired Adam to look at God in a false light. [...] My brother, I must tell you that you have little realization of whither your feet have been tending. The facts have been opened to me. **You have been binding yourself up with those who belong to the army of the great apostate.** Your mind has been as dark as Egypt.—Letter 253, 1903, pp. 1, 12-14. (To J. H. Kellogg, Nov. 20, 1903.)” {E. G. White, *Manuscript Releases Volume 11*, p. 314, 315}

- “It will be said that Living Temple has been revised. ***But the Lord has shown me that the writer has not changed,*** and ***that there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish his present sentiments.*** I am bidden to lift my voice in warning to our people, saying, “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked*” ([Gal.6:7](#)).” {E. G. White, *Selected Messages Book 1*, p. 199} 1904 (So how could Ellen White believe the same thing, as many claim, and yet reprove Kellogg for wanting to publish it?)

- What were the “present sentiments” of Dr. Kellogg? According to his own confession a year earlier, he had come to believe in a trinity of three divine beings. In self defense Kellogg claimed that his teachings were the same as Mrs. White. He (and his supporters) would even quote statements from her writings to support his “new” teaching. Mrs. White denied this charge in plain testimonies: **“I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of *Living Temple* can be sustained by statements from my writings. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of *Living Temple*, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in *Living Temple* are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.”**

{E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 1, p. 203}

In crisis situations such as this Ellen White often began her work at midnight. During the crisis of 1903 and into 1904, Ellen White wrote concerning pantheism (and its accompanying list of heresies), its threat to the church and to the religious experience of those who were drawn to it. On August 7, 1904, Ellen White wrote: **“Separate from the influence exerted by the book “*Living Temple*;” for it contains specious sentiments. There are in it sentiments that are entirely true, but these are mingled with error. Scriptures are taken out of their connection, and are used to uphold erroneous theories. [...] I am instructed to speak plainly. “Meet it,” is the word spoken to me. “Meet it firmly, and without delay.””** {*Special Testimonies, Series B*, No. 2, pp. 49, 50}

The issues were now in the open. Physicians, nurses, ministers, and church members, particularly in Battle Creek, were taking sides. How could the real issues be made clear? It was a life-and-death struggle for souls. What others did not see, Ellen White saw clearly, and it weighed heavily upon her. The platform of truth was being dismantled by Kellogg. **“In a representation which passed before me, I saw a certain work being done by medical missionary workers. Our ministering brethren were looking on, watching what was being done, but they did not seem to understand. The foundation of our faith, which was established by so much prayer, such earnest searching of the Scriptures, was being taken down, pillar by pillar. Our faith was to have nothing to rest upon—the sanctuary was gone, the atonement was gone. I realized that something must be done. The battle nearly killed me.”** {*Sermons and Talks Volume One*, p. 344}

## EGW 1902 [1904]

To sound a warning to the church throughout the land, Ellen White hurried the production of ***Testimonies for the Church, volume 8***, with its section on “The Essential Knowledge,” dealing with nature and a personal God. She dwelt at length on the danger of speculative knowledge, her message but stressed with abundant scripture evidence of a personal God and the relation He sustains to His personal Son. The book ***The Ministry of Healing*** was in preparation at this time; there was included in it also a section entitled “The Essential Knowledge,” dealing with speculative knowledge and the false and true in education. Thus Ellen White went on record with warnings that would continue to sound. [*Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years Volume 5 1900-1905*, By Arthur L. White (1981)]

**The Review and Herald Office has been defiled as the temple was defiled, only the result has been tenfold more disastrous.** Overturning the tables of the money-changers, Christ drove the sheep and cattle from the precincts of the temple, saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matthew 21:13. **Worse even than the defilement of the temple has been the defilement of the publishing house by the printing of matter which should never have been placed in the hands of the workers in God's institution.** {PH151 21.4} God's law has been transgressed, His cause betrayed, and His institution made a den of thieves. The work of printing and circulating stirring appeals for the truth, which should have been placed first, to which the time and the talent of the workers should have been devoted, has received little or no attention. The commercial work, some of it of a most objectionable character, has gradually assumed the supremacy. This work has absorbed the energies which should have been devoted to the publication of literature of the purest quality and the most elevating character. Time has been wasted, talent misapplied, and money misappropriated. The work which ought to have been done has been left undone. **Satan's sentiments have been exalted. His theories have been printed by presses which should have been used to prepare the truth of God for circulation.** Men have coveted promotion when their principles were under the ban of God's displeasure. Loss is infinitely better than dishonorable gain. {PH151 22.1}

Calamity Predicted.--I feel a terror of soul as I see to what a pass our publishing house has come. The presses in the Lord's institution have been printing the soul-destroying theories of Romanism and other mysteries of iniquity. The office must be purged of this objectionable matter. I have a testimony from the Lord for those who have placed such matter in the hands of the workers. God holds you accountable for presenting to young men and young women the fruit of the forbidden tree of knowledge. Can it be possible that you have not a knowledge of the warnings given to the Pacific Press on this subject? Can it be possible that with a knowledge of these warnings you are going over the same ground, only doing much worse? It has often been repeated to you that angels of God are passing through every room in the office. What impression has this made on your minds? {PM 164.5} **YOU HAVE GIVEN MATTER CONTAINING SATAN'S SENTIMENTS INTO THE HANDS OF THE WORKERS, BRINGING HIS DECEPTIVE, POLLUTING PRINCIPLES BEFORE THEIR MINDS. THE LORD LOOKS UPON THIS ACTION ON YOUR PART AS HELPING SATAN TO PREPARE HIS SNARE TO CATCH SOULS. GOD WILL NOT HOLD GUILTY THOSE WHO HAVE DONE THIS THING. HE HAS A CONTROVERSY WITH THE MANAGERS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE. I HAVE BEEN ALMOST AFRAID TO OPEN THE REVIEW, FEARING TO SEE THAT GOD HAS CLEANSED THE PUBLISHING HOUSE BY FIRE.**--8T 91. {PM 164.6} Unless there is a reformation, calamity will overtake the publishing house, and world will know the reason.--8T 96. {PM 165.1}

## EGW 1906

Some think it strange that I write, "Do not send your children to Battle Creek." I was instructed in regard to the danger of the worldly influence in Battle Creek. I have written hundreds of pages regarding the danger of having so large a sanitarium, and of calling so many people together in one place. **The young people in Battle Creek are in danger. They will come in contact with error. Years ago I did not think that they would meet these errors right in the sanitariums; but when "Living Temple" came out, and some of our ministers told me that there was in it nothing but what I had been teaching all my life, I saw how great the danger was.** I saw that blindness had fallen upon some who had long known the truth. I pray that the Lord will open the eyes of these ministers, that they may see the difference between light and darkness, between truth and error. {SpTB07 35.1} **As the Sanitarium is now located in Battle Creek, there is presented to me a very clear picture of the result of gathering students to a school in Battle Creek.** By His judgments, God has revealed His displeasure at the way in which matters have been carried in the Sanitarium, and in the general management. There has not been a pure, fragrant, wholesome religious influence. The Lord does not design that the Sanitarium at Battle Creek shall be the center of education, drawing students to a place where he has evidenced that His judgments will be executed. {SpTB07 35.2}

The statements were made just after the publication of Living Temple while the GC sat dead in the publishing house receiving little attention instead of being circulated

## W.A. Spicer 1907

- If you have read John Kellogg's collection of falsehoods in his 1907 interview with D.T. Bourdeau and G.W. Amadon, you know that he declared that his book,
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- "Living Temple," is a very good book that Ellen White approved of and endorsed. An entire section will be devoted to this later in this present documentary. Here is a quotation from "The Living Temple":
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- "Suppose now we have a boot before us-not an ordinary boot, but a living boot, and as we look at it, we see little boots crowding out at the seams, pushing out at the toes, dropping off at the heels, and leaping out at the top-scores, hundreds, thousands of boots, a swarm of boots continually issuing from our living boot-would we not be compelled to say, 'There is a shoemaker in the boot?' So there is present in the trees a power which creates and maintains it, a tree-maker in the tree."-John Harvey Kellogg, "The Living Temple," p. 29.

## W.A. Spicer 1907

- This is not historic Adventism! But Kellogg was not worried, for he had his men in high positions. Unfortunately, two of these men were A.T. Jones and David Paulson. Both a majority report (by three men) and a minority report (by two men) were prepared by the "Living Temple" book committee: Here was the majority report, approving the book for publication and distribution:
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- "That we find in the book 'Living Temple' nothing which appears to us to be contrary to the Bible or the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, and that we see no reason why it may not be recommended by the Committee for circulation in the manner suggested."-A.T. Jones, J.H. Kellogg, David Paulson, quoted in "How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis," p. 27.

## Dr. Kellogg 1902

- "Says, one, 'God may be present by his Spirit, or by his power, but certainly God himself cannot be present everywhere at once.' We answer: How can power be separated from the source of power? Where God's Spirit is at work, where God's power is manifested, God himself is actually and truly present. Said an objector, 'God made the tree, it is true, just as a shoemaker makes a boot; but the shoemaker is not in the boot; so God made the tree, but he is not in the tree.' The objector overlooked the fact that the process of tree-making in the living tree is never complete so long as the tree is alive. The tree does not create itself; a creative power is constantly going forward in it. Buds and leaves come forth from within the tree; does the tree create them? Acorns are put forth from within the oak tree; each acorn is a little tree, which, when planted, may grow into an oak as large as the parent tree. Does the tree create the acorn? Can a tree make trees? If so, then every plant, every shrub, every insect is a creator,-and man is a creator. 'It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves.' Psalm 100:3.

## Dr. Kellogg 1902

- Suppose now we have a boot before us,-not an ordinary boot, but a living boot, and as we look at it, we see little boots crowding out at the seams, pushing out at the toes, dropping off at the heels, and leaping out at the top, scores, hundreds, thousands of boots, a swarm of boots continually issuing from our living boot, would we not be compelled to say:
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- 'There is a shoemaker in the boot? So there is present in the tree a power which creates and maintains it, a tree-maker in the tree, a flower-maker in the flower,-a divine architect who understands every law of proportion, an infinite artist who possesses a limitless power of expression in color and form; there is, in all the world about us, an infinite, divine, though invisible Presence, to which the unenlightened may be blind, but which is ever declaring itself by its ceaseless, beneficent activity."-The Living Temple, pages 28-29.

## Dr. Kellogg 1902

- "One of the saddest mistakes man has made, is in putting God so far away from himself . . Scientific men have ceased the attempt to prove man to be a mere product of physical forces, but they recognize in his existence, and in every function of his body, the presence of an infinite Intelligence, working, controlling, creating, for man's good. **GOD DWELLS IN MAN. HE IS THE SERVANT OF MAN.**"-The Living Temple, pages 35-36.

# James White Earlier in 1854

- It is very important that we should have a correct understanding of the power of God's word in creation, in order to appreciate his power in redemption. The current teaching upon this subject has done much to undermine faith in God's word and its power He simply spake and "it was" (Ps. 33:9), he commanded and it standeth". The breath of God's mouth is a breath of life (Gen. 2:7; Job 33:41. It has the same creative power as his word (compare Job 37:10 and Ps. 147:15-17); so his word, which is life (John 6:63), is God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16). In the record of creation we read (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24) that at each step in the work "God said" let it be so and "it was so." He made "light to shine out of darkness" (2 Cor. 4:6) by calling for it (Gen. 1:3). Yet though the word of God has his power of Spirit, there are some points that should be guarded:
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- "Does not God say he fills immensity of space? **We answer, No.** Psalms 139:7, 8. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there, etc. **God by his Spirit may fill heaven and earth**, etc. **Some confound God with his Spirit, which makes confusion.** Psalms 11:4. The **Lord is in his holy temple**, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, etc. Habakkuk 2:20; Psalms 102:19. For he hath looked down from the height of his Sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth. 1Peter 3:12. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers, etc. Psalms 80:1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. Psalms 99:1; Isaiah 37:16.
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- John 14:2. *In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you.* Revelation 21:2-5; Hebrews 11:6. For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, etc. This testimony we deem highly important at this time, to know that there is a God. We have no doubt that if our eyes could be opened in vision, or see as angels see, we should **see God in heaven sitting on his throne, and is present to all that exists, however distant from him in his creation.** {March 7, 1854 JWe, ARSH 50.10}

## EGW SUPPLEMENT 1899

- It is expressly stated that Satan works in the children of disobedience, NOT MERELY HAVING ACCESS TO THEIR MINDS, but WORKING THROUGH THEIR INFLUENCE, CONSCIOUS AND UNCONSCIOUS, to draw others into the same disobedience. IF EVIL ANGELS HAVE SUCH POWER OVER THE CHILDREN OF MEN IN THEIR DISOBEDIENCE, HOW MUCH GREATER POWER THE GOOD ANGELS HAVE OVER THOSE WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE OBEDIENT. When we put our trust in Jesus Christ, working obedience unto righteousness, ANGELS OF GOD WORK IN OUR HEARTS UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS. It is due to the guardianship and **working of the angels of God for your wife that she has not apostatized**. Heavenly angels have guarded her. Now it is time that you took your position beside her as a houseband, to bind up your children, yourself, and your wife in solemn covenant with God, **TO OBEDIENCE UNTO OBEDIENCE**. {Lt116-1899}

## EGW SUPPLEMENT 1905

- Over the winds and the waves, and over men possessed of demons, Christ showed that He had absolute control. He who stilled the tempest and calmed the troubled sea spoke peace to minds distracted and overborne by Satan. {MH 91.1}
- In the Saviour's presence he was roused to long for freedom, but the demon resisted the power of Christ. When the man tried to appeal to Jesus for help, **the evil spirit put words into his mouth**, and he cried out in an agony of fear. The demoniac partially comprehended that he was in the presence of One who could set him free; but when he tried to come within reach of that mighty hand, another's will held him, another's words found utterance through him. {MH 91.5}

## EGW SUPPLEMENT 1913

- Satan cannot read our thoughts, but he can see our actions, hear our words; and from his long knowledge of the human family, he can **shape** his temptations to take advantage of our weak points of character. And how often do we let him into the secret of how he may obtain the victory over us. **Oh, that we might control our words and actions!** How strong we would become if our words were of such an order that we would not be ashamed to meet the record of them in the day of judgment. How different will they appear in the day of God from what they seem when we utter them.--Review and Herald, February 27, 1913. {MYP 328.1}

## EGW SUPPLEMENT

- By **INDOLENCE**, not only the moral strength is weakened, and the impulse of passion increased, but **SATAN'S ANGELS TAKE POSSESSION OF THE WHOLE CITADEL OF THE MIND, AND COMPEL CONSCIENCE** to surrender to vile passion. (ApM, p. 19)
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- If permitted, the **EVIL ANGELS WILL WORK THE MINDS** of men until they have no mind or will of their own. (MS 64, 1904; in 1MCP, p. 24)

## EGW SUPPLEMENT

- Either the evil angels or the angels of God are controlling the minds of men.
- Our minds are **GIVEN TO THE CONTROL OF GOD OR TO THE CONTROL OF THE POWERS OF DARKNESS**; and it will be well for us to inquire where we are standing today - -whether under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel or under the black banner of the powers of darkness. (MS 1, 1890; in 6BC, p. 1120)
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- Satanic agencies were incorporated with men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, had become the habitation of demons. **THE SENSES, THE NERVES, THE PASSIONS, THE ORGANS OF MEN, WERE WORKED BY SUPERNATURAL AGENCIES IN THE INDULGENCE** of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed. Such was the prospect upon which the world's Redeemer looked. What a spectacle for Infinite Purity to behold! (DA, p. 36)

## EGW SUPPLEMENT

- God also possesses us by His words. Please note these statements:
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- God will do great things for those who will **OPEN THE HEART TO HIS WORD AND LET IT TAKE POSSESSION OF THE SOUL TEMPLE.** (CT, p. 396)
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- 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 IDEAS AND ACTIONS.** (TM, p. 389)
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- Christianity has a much broader meaning than many have hitherto given it. It is not a creed. It is the word of Him who liveth and abideth forever. **IT IS A LIVING, ANIMATING PRINCIPLE, THAT TAKES POSSESSION OF MIND, HEART, MOTIVES, AND THE ENTIRE MAN.** (TM, p. 421)

## EGW SUPPLEMENT

- When the word of God take **POSSESSION** of the minds of teachers, then they are fitted to deal with the education of others. (GCB, April 24, 1901)
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- **ALL WHO SEARCH THE INSPIRED WORD FOR THEMSELVES WILL GAIN A KNOWLEDGE OF A PERSONAL, ABIDING SAVIOUR;** and their Christian experience will not depend upon feeling, but upon the word of the living God. "The words I speak unto you," said Jesus, "they are spirit, and they are life." **AND THE MORE ONE STUDIES THE WORD OF GOD, THE MORE THAT WORD TAKES POSSESSION OF HIS MIND,** and he sees deeper and deeper into the divine purpose. (RH, August 4, 1896)

## EGW SUPPLEMENT

- It is through the transforming influence of divine grace on human hearts that the power of the word of truth is revealed. The truth, proclaimed in regions where it has not yet been heard, makes an impression on hearts. It seems to have greater power to transform character than when presented to those who are familiar with its **OFFICE WORK**. Truth has little power on the hearts of those who walk contrary to it when by so doing they can gain advantage for themselves,—those who, while claiming to receive it, follow a course opposed to its principles. Such ones admit that they believe the truth, but they give no evidence that they are sanctified by the truth. The places in which it has never been proclaimed are the best places in which to work. **The truth is to take possession of the will of those who have never before heard it.** They will see the sinfulness of sin, and their repentance will be thorough and sincere. The Lord will work upon hearts that in the past have not often been appealed to, hearts that heretofore have not seen the enormity of sin. (SW, August 25, 1903)

## EGW and BIBLE

- There are multitudes today as truly under the power of evil spirits as was the demoniac of Capernaum. **All who willfully depart from God's commandments are placing themselves under the control of Satan.** Many a man tampers with evil, thinking that he can break away at pleasure; but he is lured on and on, until he finds himself **controlled by a will stronger than his own.** He cannot escape its mysterious power. Secret sin or master passion may hold him a captive as helpless as was the demoniac of Capernaum. {MH 92.3}
- Matthew 4:1: Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2: And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3: And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4: **But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

- We met these theories again in Topsham, Maine. A brother there, who had accepted them, was very sick, and he wanted me to pray for him. I said, “I cannot pray for you so long as you and these sisters are so free with one another.” He sent for Elder James White who, when he came, asked him, “What are you going to do?” “Do!” he said. “Do you ask what I am going to do? I am going to cut loose from all these evils. I am going to take my stand in harmony with what Sister Ellen Harmon has been presenting to me. I accept what she has said as the word of the Lord.” Thus the company with which he was connected was broken up. And many more such companies were broken up by the light that God gave me. 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.** {Ms46-1904}

## Dr. Kellogg Confusion continues 1902

- "The matter taken in as food simply supplies the place of that which has been previously eaten, and discharged from the body. This rapid change of matter within the body would quickly result in a change of form, so that a person would lose his own identity,-would scarcely be able to recognize himself, were such a change not prevented by the **permanence of something within the man.** In this permanence of form and feature we have a physiological proof of the existence within the body of some power superior to the material composition or substance of the body, which exercises a constant supervision and control whereby individual identity is maintained. This can be nothing less than the **Power which builds, which creates,-it is God himself,** the divine Presence in the temple."-The Living Temple, page 52.

## Dr. Kellogg Confusion continues 1902

- "Let us not forget that the sunlight is **God's smile of benediction**; that the sunshine is **Heaven's light and life and glory, the true Shekinah, the real presence with which the temple needs most to be filled**; that the cooling breeze is the breath of heaven, a veritable messenger of life, carrying healing on its wings.'--'The Living Temple," 412.
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- "We have learned that the human body is presided over by a **dual personality, a human and a divine, man and God.**" The Living Temple, page 460.

- Our Lord was tempted as man is tempted. He was capable of yielding to temptations, as are human beings. His finite nature was pure and spotless, but the divine nature that led Him to say to Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" also, was not humanized; neither was humanity deified by the blending or union of the **two natures**; each retained its essential character and properties. {16MR 182.1} {Ms57-1890}
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- The **divine nature, combined with the human**, made Him capable of yielding to Satan's temptations. **Here the test to Christ was far greater than that of Adam and Eve**, for Christ took our nature, fallen but not corrupted, and would not be corrupted unless He received the words of Satan in the place of the words of God. To suppose He was not capable of yielding to temptation places Him where He cannot be a perfect example for man, and the force and the power of this part of Christ's humiliation, which is the most eventful, is no instruction or help to human beings. {16MR 182.3} {Ms57-1890}

. **Christ had two natures, the nature of a man and the nature of God.** In him divinity and humanity were combined. Upon his mediatorial work hangs the hope of the perishing world. No one but Christ has ever succeeded in living a perfect life, in living a pure, spotless character. He exhibited a perfect humanity, combined with deity; and by preserving each nature distinct, he has given to the world a representation of the character of God and the character of a perfect man. He shows us what God is, and what man may become--godlike in character. {GCB, October 1, 1899 par. 20}

## ANALYSIS

- When considering the contents of the book, "Living Temple," two facts need to be kept in mind: (1) Much of the information supplied in that book dealt with anatomy and physiology as understood at the turn of the century, and did not always relate to Kellogg's pantheism belief. (2) "The Living Temple" was first published in 1903. Yet at least since 1890s, he had been seeking to inculcate its essential principles in private conversations, and later in public lectures.

## Kellogg 1897

- "Gravitation acts instantaneously throughout all space. By this mysterious force of gravitation the whole universe is held together in a bond of unity .. **We have here the evidence of a universal presence, an intelligent presence, an all-wise presence, an all powerful presence, a presence by the aid of which every atom of the universe is kept in touch with every other atom. This force that holds all things together, that is everywhere present, that thrills throughout the whole universe, that acts instantaneously through boundless space, can be nothing else than God Himself.** What a wonderful thought that this same God is in us and in everything! "-General Conference Bulletin, February 12, 1897, 83.
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- And his book, Living Temple," contained those sentiments also.
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- "What we call 'nature' is simply the picture of divine activity which we see spread out about us in the universe. **God is not behind nature nor above nature; he is in nature.**"-The Living Temple, page 40.

## EGW 1903, 1904

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- I have seen the results of these fanciful views of God in apostasy, spiritualism, freeloading. The free-love tendencies of these teachings were so concealed that it was difficult to present them in their real character. **Until the Lord presented it to me, I knew not what to call it, but I was instructed to call it unholy spiritual love.** {Lt230-1903}
- 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. {Ms46-1904}

- "When Dr. Kellogg receives the messages of warning given during the past twenty years; when he is sincerely converted; when he acts as a consistent, levelheaded Christian worker; when his energies are devoted to carrying forward medical missionary work after the methods and in the Spirit of Christ, when he bears a testimony that has in it no signs of double meaning or of misconstruction of the light God has given, then we may have confidence that he is following the light.

# EGW 1905

- "This subject has been kept before me for the past twenty years, yea, for more than twenty years. Before my husband's death [1880-1881 or earlier], Dr. Kellogg came to my room to tell me that he had great light. He sat down and told me what it was. It was similar to some of the views that he has presented in Living Temple. I said, 'Those theories are wrong. I have met them before, I had to meet them when I first began to travel.'
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- "Ministers and people were deceived by these sophistries. They lead to making God a nonentity and Christ a nonentity. We are to rebuke these theories in the name of the Lord.
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- "As I talked about these things, laying the whole matter before Dr. Kellogg, and showing him what the outcome of receiving these theories would be, he seemed to be dazed. I said, 'Never teach such theories in our institutions; do not present them to the people.'-Manuscript 70, 1905. (Talk given by Ellen White to the 1905 General Conference Session, which met in Washington, D.C.)



# AFTERMATH

## Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "**Dr. Magan:** Doctor, we do not want, and I especially do not want, that certain issues between us shall in any sense be clouded or obscured, and it is these things [the termination of internships] which I am anxious in as kindly and brotherly way as possible to make clear to you. You of course know, Doctor, that you hold certain views in regard to the Bible, and you express these views very frankly to all and sundry when it may seem proper to you so to do. You hold the view that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was not the divine son of God; that His birth was the result of ordinary physical relations between Joseph and Mary, and that he was not born by the direct influence of the spirit of God upon Mary's life. You have told me this a number of times. Whether you really believe it in your heart or not I have never been able to settle, but certainly it is that you talk it. Again, you have over and over expressed to me certain ideas in regard to the Book of Job, that it is in some respects a very beautiful but a very tragic poem, but that the alleged facts related therein never really happened at all . . Again, Doctor, you have frequently put various questions to me which to my mind are altogether irreverent relative to the personal appearance of the Deity -His eyes, His form, the appearance of His face, etc., etc. .

## Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "It hurts me to say this to you, but I cannot do otherwise. I would not be true to myself or to my trust if I were not perfectly frank. We have the deepest respect for the health work that you are doing; for the manner in which you have labored untiringly by day and night through a long series of years to promulgate better living. But as long as your views upon the work of God and ours are so far apart we cannot enter reciprocal relationships. This would not be right.
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- "**Dr. Kellogg:** Well, Magan, do you really think that I am around buttonholing people and teaching them these things? Now I will tell you what I will do. I will give you leave to go to any of our young people here in the sanitarium, or any of the older people, and ask them if I ever teach them such things. You have my permission to question them and quiz them any way you want. I will be glad to have you do this.
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- "**Dr. Magan:** No, Doctor, I have no intention of doing that .. I felt I wanted to say the things which I have already spoken to you in the presence of these men for whom I have the deepest respect. I wanted to have a frank and brotherly talk with you about them.

## Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "**Dr. Kellogg:** Well, I do not think I teach those things very much. I am sure I do not go around trying to upset people's belief and faith in the Bible. I have no desire to do this, no matter what I may think myself. But, after all, the Bible traces the genealogy of Christ and winds it up in Joseph. What do you do with that?
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- "**Dr. Magan:** I have not come here, Doctor, to enter into any theological controversy with you.
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- "**Dr. Kellogg:** Well, I think you are all wrong. I do not think you understand these things correctly, and in any event I do not think that I teach these things in a way to upset the faith of any.

## Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "**Dr. [B.N.] Colver [of the sanitarium staff]** : Now, Doctor, I want to talk to you. There is not a man who has been connected with you for a number of years in the past who does not know that you are a rank evolutionist. You have stuffed the college across the road with teachers of evolution. You spend hours over there talking evolution yourself. God only knows what a terrible thing this is for the sanitarium, but as far as the college is concerned I do not suppose we can help ourselves. Nevertheless, to my mind it is a bad, bad business. Again, Doctor, you do teach the things that Magan has charged you with teaching. You not only teach them to a few, but you teach them to everybody that you can get to listen to you, and you teach them by the hour.
- "**Dr. Kellogg:** Let me ask you a question, Colver.
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- "**Dr. Colver:** No, Doctor, not yet. I want to say some more. I firmly believe that you are wrecking and ruining the Battle Creek Sanitarium with your doctrines. Many of our doctors have already given up the faith of their fathers and you are more the cause of this than any other one agency. Because of this these men are now giving up our health reform doctrines, and I see nothing but woe and sadness ahead of us if this kind of thing goes on much longer.

# Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "Mr. [M.W.] Wentworth [of the sanitarium staff] : Now Doctor, you know that I do not make any profession of Christianity, but I want to tell you that I believe Dr. Magan is absolutely right and you are altogether wrong. You have wrecked the faith of a number of our people here, and if this thing keeps up it will only be a few short years until the Battle Creek Sanitarium will be the Battle Creek Sanitarium no more. It will be a worldly hospital. I believe with all my heart that Seventh-day Adventists started this place and they have prior rights here.
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- "Dr. Kellogg: Magan, let me ask you a question. Do you teach the principles of health which you are teaching, I will grant very faithfully and efficiently, do you teach these because Ellen G. White told them to you?
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- "Dr. Magan: I must tell you, I do not understand all these things the way you do from a scientific standpoint, and much of my teaching is based upon the word of God and the spirit of prophecy rather than upon scientific demonstration.
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- "Dr. Kellogg: Then, Magan, I am very sorry that it becomes necessary for me to tell you that I have a very poor regard for your intellectual capacity and ability. I cannot understand how a man whom I have always thought to have the intelligence which I have attributed to you could do the way you say you do.

## Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "**Dr. Magan:** That is all right with me, John. Your statement does not worry me a particle, and now I must tell you something. If I am an imbecile or a moron, or both, as you intimate, if I am a creature of low intellectual capacity because of my faith and belief in the word of God and the spirit of prophecy, there are two men who are responsible for my present adumbrated condition. One of these is now dead and gone, the one whose name you recently mentioned - **S.N. Haskell.** It was my privilege to spend quite a period of time with him when I was a lad in this work. I loved him very dearly and respected him very much, and I have always felt, and ever shall feel, that S.N. Haskell had deeper spiritual insight into the meaning of what we term the spirit of prophecy than any other man who ever lived and wrought and walked amongst us. His teachings made a lasting impression upon my mind. The other man who is responsible for my being a moron and an imbecile is a little bustling fellow in a white suit who sits right in front of me at the present time, you, John Harvey Kellogg. I well remember the days when you used to stand on top of a table in the old gymnasium with tears streaming down your face, telling the helpers, of whom I was one, what a wonderful thing God's gift to this people through Ellen G. White was. I have heard you read from her writings by the hour and talk in a most earnest and subdued way about the wonderful spiritual insight that she had and how much it all meant to you. In an earlier day you made deep impressions upon my life.

# Percy T. Magan, letter to W.A. Spicer, August 6, 1928

- "Dr. Kellogg: Well, Magan, whenever I made those statements which you referred to I always qualified them.
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- "Dr. Colver: No, Dr. Kellogg, you did not always qualify them. You did not qualify them at all. You believed them with all your heart, and there are scores of people who can rise up to witness to that.
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- "Dr. Kellogg: At any rate, Magan, if I should tell the brethren all I know about you you would be in a pretty bad way.
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- "Dr. Magan: Let me tell you something, John, 'the brethren' know a long way more about me than you do. They have known me intimately now for forty-five years.
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# THE END OF JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG

- The tragedy is that John Kellogg continued to wander around in the fog of theological speculation throughout the remainder of his life. The following news item from a Battle Creek newspaper, reporting on J.H. Kellogg's funeral in December 1943, is revealing of John's theological evolution as he moved into the last years of his life. A careful study of John Harvey Kellogg's life reveals quite clearly that he had a brilliant mind. But even a genius, separated from obedience to the written Word of God can only produce foolish notions. For example, John explains that the proof for the immortality of the soul is the fact that a stomach does not digest itself! John Harvey Kellogg had an overmastering ambition; those who knew him personally said he was egotistical. He tried to gain control of the entire denomination and failed. But he did gain control of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Battle Creek Food Company, and the health institution in Mexico. As a result of the 1908-1909 actions of his MSBA, he gained full control over the Sanitarium and kept it till the end.

- But John's weakness for going into debt was to be his undoing. In 1927, he decided to erect a mammoth addition to the already oversize Sanitarium. By that time, there was no Ellen White to counsel him to moderation, and he ran the Sanitarium into so many millions of dollars in debt that when the depression came in 1929, no remedy could be found for Dr. Kellogg's financial situation. The entire institution went into bankruptcy. The receiver, appointed by the bankruptcy court to sell the institution, was unable to find a buyer. So there it set, unused, until 1942, when the United States Government, suddenly embroiled in world war, offered to buy it for a military hospital. Under its new name, the Percy Jones Hospital, it became a veteran's hospital.

"The Battle Creek Enquirer and News," December 15, 1943.

- **Pastor Carleton B:** "Dr. Kellogg discussed with me some matters of religion, [Pastor Carleton B.] Miller [of the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek] said. The occasion will always remain as a celebrated one to me because of what he said and the way he put it.
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- **Pastor Carleton B:** "At that time he was seriously in doubt as to the immortality of the soul, but as days followed he came to formulate a most beautiful conviction and expression of the golden hope of Christianity. My only reason for quoting him is that his religious faith can help those seeking spiritual light as his biologic creed has brought so many to physical well-being.

## Pastor Carleton B Miller

### "The Battle Creek Enquirer and News," December 15, 1943.

- **Dr. Kellogg:** "I am formulating a scientific basis for faith,' said Dr Kellogg. Take prayer. Prayer is a cry for help instinctive to all life. We call for help when we are at the end of our rope. **There would be no thirst if there were no water; no hunger if no food.** A scientific experiment is a prayer, ideas, born of silence and concentration, by entering one's inner chamber, are also answers to prayer.'
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- "Thus we see how eagerly he followed where truth might lead. Prayer, more than words and lip service, is the soul's sincere desire, the conscious and sub-conscious appeal to the Divine.
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- We have three lives. The somatic self where the cells die sooner or later; the germ self where the cells continue as long as the race exists, and the spirit self. Our personality has voluntary will such as starts muscle action, and involuntary will or a pacemaker. The spirit is the heart, but there is no consciousness apart from the physiological.

## Pastor Carleton B Miller

# "The Battle Creek Enquirer and News," December 15, 1943.

- **Pastor Carleton B:** "I suggested that this does not exclude that fact or truth that spirit abides eternally, that personality survives. The Divine Intelligence is able to accomplish this no less than other miracles and mysteries. Tell me, what question embraces one of the great physical miracles and mysteries? Quick as a flash and with a sparkle in his eye and a joyous smile on his face, Dr. Kellogg replied:
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- **Dr. Kellogg:** Why doesn't the stomach digest itself? By the same Truth by which God does not permit death to dissolve or destroy the spirit; death is not the destruction of life.
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- **Pastor Carleton B:** In Aramaic, 'surrender' has the meaning of 'peace.' 'My own peace I give unto you,' means 'I surrender to you. In that surrender John Harvey Kellogg has found peace, freedom and victory.'-
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- Report of the funeral sermon by Carleton B. Miller, pastor of First Congregational Church, Battle Creek, Michigan; news article, "Funeral Is Held for Dr. Kellogg," in "The Battle Creek Enquirer and News," December 15, 1943.
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- John Harvey Kellogg passed to his rest in his spacious Battle Creek home on December 14, 1943.



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# BACKTRACK

# 1900-1905 FIRE CHIEF WEEKS

The following is worthy considering

Fire Chief Weeks:

“There is something strange,” he said, “about your SDA fires, with the water poured on acting more like gasoline.” (Arthur L. White, Ellen G. White — The Early Elmshaven Years: 1900-1905 [Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1981], 224)

## EGW letter to Kellogg Lt 300, 1903

### St. Helena, California March 16, 1903

You are not sound in the faith. I have stated this in my diary months ago. You have certainly placed the people of God, whom the Lord has led step by step in the ways of truth and placed upon a solid foundation, in a false showing before unbelievers. Some have departed from the faith and will continue to misrepresent the work God has given me. The sanctuary question is a clear and definite doctrine as we have held it as a people. 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 to John Harvey Kellogg, Letter 300, March 16th 1903

# 1903 EGW Lt 242

I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Someone high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to **loosen the timbers supporting this platform.** Then I heard a voice saying, “Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? **This foundation was built by the Master Worker,** and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that **deny the past experience of the people of God?** The time has come to take decided action.”

# 1903 EGW Lt 242

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. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. **Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.** Lt242-1903

# 1903 A. G. Daniels letter to W. C. White

He [Kellogg] then stated that his former views regarding the trinity had stood in his way of making a clear and absolutely correct statement but that within a short time he had come to believe in the trinity and could now see pretty clearly where all the difficulty was and believed that he could clear up the matter satisfactorily. He told me that he now believed in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost and his view was that it was God the Holy Ghost and not God the Father that filled all space and every living thing. Letter, A. G. Daniels to W. C. White Oct 29th 1903

# 1903 Kellogg letter to Butler

As far as I can fathom, the **difficulty** which is found in ‘The Living Temple’, the whole thing may be simmered down to the question: **Is the Holy Ghost a person? You say no.** I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun ‘he’ is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun ‘he’ and has said in so many words that the **Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead. How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all** is difficult for me to see.

# G.I. Butler responds

## April 5, 1904

- So far as Sister White and you being in perfect agreement is concerned, I shall have to leave that entirely between you and Sister White. Sister White says there is not perfect agreement. You claim there is. God dwells in us by His Holy Spirit, as a Comforter, as a Reprover, especially the former. When we come to Him we partake of Him in that sense, because the Spirit comes forth from him; it comes forth from the Father and the Son. It is not a person walking around on foot, or flying as a literal being, in any such sense as Christ and the Father are - at least, if it is, it is utterly beyond my comprehension of the meaning of language or words." (Letter from G. I. Butler to J. H. Kellogg, April 5, 1904)



- "Writing for the Signs of the Times in November 1889. C.P. Bollman declared that the Spirit of God "is essentially divine." But he does not go so far as to portray the Holy Spirit as a distinct personality and member of the Deity. This Spirit is the "power" of God by which the Son created all things. The Spirit is "an **essential part of God**, and therefore, necessarily divine," but "it" remains to Bollman an impersonal power." The Arian or Anti-Trinitarian Views Presented in Seventh-day Adventist Literature and the Ellen G White Answer. June 1963 by Erwin Roy Gane.
- Similarly, Uriah Smith had this to say:
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- 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 ad power through all the universe, when not personally present. Uriah Smith, In the Question Chair, Review and Herald, LXVII (October 28, 1890), 664.

- A. J. Morton "The Holy Spirit is divine because it proceeds from divinity. You can no more separate divinity from the Spirit of God and Christ than you can separate divinity from God and Christ. It is, therefore, the presence of the Spirit in the words of God's promises which enable us to receive the divine nature from those promises " {A. J. Morton, Signs of the Times, October 26, 1891, p. 342}
- J. N. Loughborough, September 20, 1898.
- "Gods representative, the power by which he works, the agency by which all things are upheld." ... "the creative energy of God." J. N. Loughborough, "The Spirit of God, " Review and Herald, LXXV (September 20, 1898),
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- In September of 1898, Loughborough did not believe in an individual called the Holy Spirit.

## FASTFORWARD

- Ellen White 1904-1909
- “They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.” {E. G. White, Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189}
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- M. C. Wilcox, 1911
- Question 187: What is the difference between the Holy Spirit and the ministering spirits (angels), or are they the same?
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- Answer: **The Holy Spirit is the mighty energy of the Godhead, the life and power of God flowing out from Him to all parts of the universe, and thus making living connection between His throne and all creation.** As is expressed by another: “The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. **The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.**” **It thus makes Christ everywhere present. To use a crude illustration, just as a telephone carries the voice of a man, and so makes that voice present miles away, so the Holy Spirit carries with it all the potency of Christ in making Him everywhere present with all His power, and revealing Him to those in harmony with His law.** Thus the Spirit is personified in Christ and God, but never revealed as a separate person. Never are we told to pray to the Spirit; but to God for the Spirit. Never do we find in the Scriptures prayers to the Spirit, but for the Spirit. (M. C. Wilcox, 1911, Questions and Answers Gathered From the Question Corner Department of the Signs of the Times, pages 181, 182)

## FASTFORWARD

- . THE PERSONALITY OF THE SPIRIT Ques. 1. *Some say the Holy Spirit is a person; others say He is a personality; and others, a power only. Till how long should this be a matter of discussion? Ans. 1. The personality of the Holy Spirit will probably be a matter of discussion always. Sometimes the Spirit is mentioned as being 'poured out,' as in Acts 2. All through the Scriptures, the Spirit is represented as being the operating power of God...The reason why the Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit as a person, it seems to us, is that it brings to us, and to every soul that believes, the personal presence of our Lord Jesus Christ... "Because of the lack of faith, it was 'expedient,' necessary, that He should go away; for He declared, 'If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you.' John 16:7. His disciples could not realize the presence of the Spirit of God as long as Christ was with them personally. In that sense, He could be with those only who were in His immediate presence. But when He went away, and the Spirit came, it could make Christ present with everyone, wherever that one was with Paul in Athens, Peter in Jerusalem, Thomas in India, John in Patmos. "These are simply illustrations. Wherever God's children are, there is the Spirit – not an individual person, as we look upon persons, but having the power to make present the Father and the Son. That Spirit is placed upon God's messengers, the angels; but the angels are not the Spirit. That Spirit is placed upon God's servants, His human messengers; but the human messengers are not the Spirit. They are possessed by the Spirit, and used by the Spirit, and have within them the power of the Spirit; but they are not the Spirit. The Spirit is independent of all these human or material agencies. Why not leave it there? Why not know that the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Deity, goes out into all the earth, bringing the presence of God to every heart that will receive it?" {M. C. Wilcox, Questions And Answers Vol. 11, 1919. 1938 ed., p.37-39. In 1945 ed. p.33-35}*

## FASTFORWARD

- M. C. Wilcox, 1919
- Wherever God's children are, there is the Spirit – not an individual person, as we look upon persons, but having the power to make present the Father and the Son. **The Spirit is placed upon God's messengers, the angels; but the angels are not the Spirit.** The Spirit is placed upon God's servants, His human messengers, but the human messengers are not the Spirit. They are possessed by the Spirit, and used by the Spirit, and have within them the power of the Spirit; but they are not the Spirit. **The Spirit is independent of all these human or material agencies.** Why not leave it there? Why not know that the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Deity goes out into all the earth bringing the presence of God to every heart that will receive it? M.C. Wilcox Questions and Answers Vol 11. 1919.
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- Willie White, 1935 - some twenty years after Ellen White's death:
- The statements and the arguments of some of our ministers, in their effort to prove that the Holy Spirit is an individual as are God the Father and Christ, the eternal Son, have perplexed me, and sometimes they have made me sad. One popular teacher said We may regard Him, as the fellow who is down here running things. 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 bodily form which is possessed by the Father and the Son. There are many Scriptures which speak of the Father and the Son and the absence of Scripture making similar reference to the united work of the Father and the Holy Spirit or of Christ and the Holy Spirit, has led me to believe that the spirit without individuality was the representative of the Father and the Son throughout the universe, and it was through the Holy Spirit that they dwell in our hearts and make us one with the Father and with the Son. Letter, W. C. White to H. W. Carr, April 30, 1935

## 1903 EGW

Again and again during my experience in the Lord's work, I have been called upon to meet these erroneous sentiments (presented in *Living Temple*). In every case, clear, powerful light has been given that God is the eternal, self-existent One. From my girlhood I have been given plain instruction that **God is a person**, and that **Christ is “the express image of His person.”** **God always has been.** That which concerns us is not the how or the wherefore. Ms137-1903

## 1904 EGW Lt 259

His (Kellogg's) **associate physicians and ministers** of the gospel were present. The subject upon which he was speaking was life and the relation of God to all living things. In his presentation **he cloaked the matter somewhat**, but in reality he was presenting scientific theories which are **akin to pantheism.** He presented them as being of the highest value. Lt259-1904

# 1904 EGW Ms 46

We know that Christ came in person to reveal God to the world. **God is a person**, and **Christ is a person**. Christ is spoken of in the Word as “the brightness of His Father’s glory, and the **express image of His person.**” ...

The battle has nearly killed me. I saw what was coming in, and I saw that our brethren were blind. They did not realize the danger. Our young people, especially, were in danger. They delighted in the beautiful **representations**—**God in the flower**, **God in the leaf**, **God in the tree**. But if God be in these things, **why not worship them?**

Ms46-1904

# 1904 EGW Ms 46

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

# 1904 EGW

We have now before us the **alpha** of this danger. The **omega** will be of **a most startling nature.** Special Testimonies Series B, No. 2 page 16, July 24th 1904

In the book "Living Temple" there is presented the **alpha** of **deadly heresies.** The **omega** will follow, and will be received by **those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.** Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies Series B No. 2, page 50, letter, August 7 1904

# 1904 EGW, 8T

Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. **God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.** 8T 298

# Fundamental Principles

Seventh-Day Adventists have no creed but the bible; but they hold to certain well-defined points of faith, for which they feel prepared to give a reason “to every man that asketh” them. The following propositions may be taken as a summary of the principal features of their religious faith, upon which there is, so far as is known, **entire unanimity throughout the body.** They believe---

1. That there is **one God**, a personal, spiritual being, the Creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and every where present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Psalm 139:7
2. That there is **one Lord Jesus Christ**, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he created all thing's, and by whom they do consist;" (1905 SDA year book, page 188, Fundamental principles)

# 1905 EGW

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. MR 760 9.5

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven, should be given wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' '**Daniel and the Revelation**' and 'Great Controversy' are needed **now** as never before. General Conference Bulletin, Review and Herald, June 1st 1905

# 1905 EGW

Nothing is so precious to me as to know that Christ is my Saviour. I appreciate the truth, **every jot of it, just as it has been given to me by the Holy Spirit for the last fifty years.** I desire everyone to know that **I stand on the same platform of truth that we have maintained for more than half a century.** That is the testimony I desire to bear on the day that I am seventy-eight years of age. —Manuscript 142, 1905, 1, 2. 4MR 44

# 1905 S. N. Haskell

**Back in the ages, which finite mind cannot fathom, the Father and Son were alone in the universe.** S. N. Haskell, The Story of the Seer of Patmos, pages 93-94, 1905

Christ was the firstborn in heaven; He was likewise the firstborn of God upon earth, and **heir to the Father's throne**. Christ, the firstborn, though the Son of God, was clothed in humanity, and was made perfect through suffering. He took the form of man, and through eternity, He will remain a man. Ibid, pages 98-99

Before the creation of our world, “there was war in heaven.” **Christ and the Father** covenanted together; and Lucifer, the covering cherub, grew jealous because he was not admitted into the eternal councils of **the Two who sat upon the throne.** Ibid, page 217

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# 1906 EGW

The truths given us after the passing of the time in 1844 are just as **certain and unchangeable** as when the Lord gave them to us in answer to our urgent prayers. The visions that the Lord has given me are so remarkable that we know that what we have accepted is the truth. This was demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. Light, precious light from God, **established the main points of our faith as we hold them today.** E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 1, p. 5

# 1906 EGW, Ms 39 about AT Jones

I am sorry for A. T. Jones, who **has been warned over and over again.** Notwithstanding these warnings, he has allowed the enemy to fill his mind with thoughts of self-importance. Heed not his words, for he has rejected the plainest light and has **chosen darkness instead.** The Holy One hath given us messages clear and distinct, but some poor souls have been blinded by the falsehoods and the deceptive influences of satanic agencies and have **turned from truth and righteousness to follow these fallacies of satanic origin.**

Ms39-1906

# 1908 EGW to Haskel about AT Jones

We did not see anything to encourage us in the hope that Elder Jones is coming out from the darkness that is upon him. He feels that he understands himself; but he is as the blind and is feeling about, to know what step to take next. I felt that I must speak plainly to him. I told him that notwithstanding the warnings that had been given regarding Dr. Kellogg's influence over him, he had gone into the very path he had been cautioned not to take; he had not spiritual discernment to understand the **doctor's religious standing**. I told him that he had become Dr. Kellogg's voice to the people. Lt234-1908.6

# 1910 EGW to A.G. Daniels

Message after message has come to me from the Lord concerning the dangers surrounding **you and Elder Prescott**. I have seen that Satan would have been greatly pleased to see Elders Prescott and Daniells undertake the work of a general overhauling of our books that have **done a good work in the field for years**. But neither of you is called of God to that work. ...I have been instructed that the Lord is not the author of the proposal to make many changes in books already published. Lt70-1910

# Why is this **MATTER?**

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

“The battle is on. Satan and his angels are working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. They are untiring in their efforts to draw souls away from the truth, away from righteousness, to spread ruin throughout the universe. They work with marvelous industry to furnish a multitude of deceptions to take souls captive...”

“...Their efforts are unceasing. The enemy is ever seeking to lead souls into infidelity and skepticism. He would do away with God, and with Christ, who was made flesh and dwelt among us to teach us that in obedience to God's will we may be victorious over sin.” 1SM 194.2

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Deuteronomy 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

“As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value...” 1SM 201.2

“My message to you is: No longer consent to listen without protest to the perversion of truth. Unmask the pretentious sophistries which, if received, will lead ministers and physicians and medical missionary workers to ignore the truth. Every one is now to stand on his guard...”

“...God calls upon men and women to take their stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. I have been instructed to warn our people; for many are in danger of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the foundation pillars of the faith.”

1SM 196.4

“I call upon those who have been connected with these binding influences to break the yoke to which they have long submitted, and stand as free men in Christ. Nothing but a determined effort will break the spell that is upon them.” 1SM 197.3

Judges 10:13 Yet ye have forsaken me,  
and served other gods: wherefore I will  
deliver you no more.<sup>14</sup> Go and cry unto  
the gods which ye have chosen; let them  
deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.

Jeremiah 14:10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry...

John 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh,  
but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of  
God dwell in you. Now if any man have  
not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.<sup>10</sup>  
And if Christ be in you, the body is dead  
because of sin; but the Spirit is life  
because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

# 1915 EGW (Final Warning)

I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, **great changes will take place.**

I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil.

**I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.**

I do not know especially what changes will take place; but they should watch every conceivable sin that Satan will try to immortalize. Ms1-1915

# 1903 EGW (Revisited)

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. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. **Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.** Lt242-1903

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- I have hesitated and delayed about the sending out of that which the Spirit of the Lord has impelled me to write. I did not want to be compelled to present the satanic influence of these sophistries. But unless there is a decided change, in yourself and your associates, I shall have to do this, to save others from following the path that you have been following. I shall have to obey the command given me of God, "Meet it." This is the only thing that I can do. {Lt253-1903}

# 1904 EGW (Revisited)

- Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. {SpTB02 56.4}

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# EGW 1900 – A VOICE FROM THE PAST

- **Dealing With False Science, Cults, Isms, and Secret Societies**
- The eye of the soul needs to be anointed. Let each seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. As the natural eyesight of persons becomes so impaired as to be almost useless, so in the case of religious fanaticism and extremists, the eye of the soul through which good and evil may be discerned becomes so perverted that nothing is distinguished clearly. A healthful discernment is ruined, so the spirit of truth and righteousness cannot be distinguished from the spirit of error and fanaticism. **There is a disease of the spiritual faculties when a man or woman fancies that he sees things which do not exist. He is intoxicated with an illusion as verily as the liquor drinker becomes intoxicated by using strong drink. There is an inspiration, but not of God. The mental faculties are perverted.** Let every soul make God his trust and obtain an experience that is wholesome and healthy. {Ms41-1900}



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