

## **Preface**

Since mid-1880s crisis of D.M. Canright, Seventh day Adventism has been a movement familiar with crises. This is a movement that has been pushed to a corner and in response to combat the worldview that they are a **“cult”** and not Christian denomination, we have seen since then a lot of **“reactionary theology”** almost in all its doctrines that has not done good but eroded the faith once delivered to the saints. We have seen this movement adopt the word **“Trinity”** to escape the wrath of evangelicals, we have seen the 1919 conference discuss the place of Ellen White role in Adventism **[we are afraid of our own prophetess]**, the 1950s evangelical dialogues that downplays **“atonement”**, the 1980s Dallas Texas official adoption of **“Trinity” which is a prerequisite to join ecumenical movement of WCC** and the 1995 joining with evangelicals to celebrate the **“Lima Text”** which talks about Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry [BEM] things that we are gulfs apart. All these moves have been nothing but face-saving moves where there was no real face to save. Afraid to remain distinct and peculiar amidst the pressure and the siege of Christendom, Seventh day Adventism has become a movement with an **“Identity Crisis”**. Due to much controverted doctrine of God. I decided to put out something precise in a small Volume to shed light on our position as a Father and Son believers. Though “author” and editor of this, this document is the official belief of Gospel Sounders Rekindling the Reformation Ministries [GSrrM]. This study is one kind of it; bringing together the wider scope of the doctrine of God and giving another dimension on this belief more so on the part of the **“Holy Spirit”** which is another misunderstood subject among Trinitarians and Non-Trinitarians. Thanks to the Lord for providing me with friends who have contributed greatly to this work. Much regards to Brother Ryan Tacklin and Paul Chung for supplying numerous unread before quotes. In some instances you will also meet sentiments from fellow pilgrims whom I know because they are not seeking vain glory, they won't be offended of their names being not mentioned. Blessings as you go through this in your renewed zeal and quest for truth and righteousness.

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## **Section 6: Mysteries of the Spirit**

We are living in the end time as for sure and we need to draw closer to Christ because that's exactly what we need as we draw close to the end, we must be sealed in truth both spiritually and intellectually that nothing will move us. In this section, we shall look at the mysteries of the Spirit and explore the manifestations of the spirit, how it's obtained and how it works in the life of humans.

There is something significant that is being awaited for by those who are looking for the second coming Christ, the power of Revelation 18 to finish the work.

### ***The Rain from Heaven***

Revelation

- *18:1: And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having **great power**; and the earth was **lightened with his glory**.*

This power more important experienced by apostles as early rain is all we are waiting for. What do the prophets tell us?

Zechariah

- *10:1: Ask ye of the LORD **rain** in the time of the **latter rain**; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*

When we ask in faith it will be given unto us

Luke

- *11:9: And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11: If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12: Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?***

Interesting to note what Matthew and Luke says about what is given to us when time of test comes

Matthew

- *10:19: But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20: For it is not ye that speak, **but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.***

Luke

- 21:14: Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: 15: For I will give you a **mouth and wisdom**, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

The Spirit of the Father is “**a mouth of wisdom**”. Interesting. So during the Loud Cry what we will have is a mouth of wisdom

This time of latter rain is referred to by Peter too:

- Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **TIMES OF REFRESHING** [LATTER RAIN AND LOUD CRY REV 18] shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send **JESUS CHRIST**, [IN THE PERSON OF THE SPIRIT JOHN 14:18] which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the **TIMES OF RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS** [PLAN OF REDEMPTION 1COR 15:28], which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, **SENT HIM TO BLESS YOU** [JOHN 14:28, ACTS 2:33, Titus 3:6, Rev 5:6], in **TURNING AWAY EVERY ONE OF YOU FROM HIS INIQUITIES. [FOR SIN COULD ONLY BE OVERCOME BY THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, PSALMS 119:9-11, 1John 3:9, John 16:8].** Emphasis mine.

In this time of the angel of Revelation 18, what do we have to expect to be this latter rain?

Deuteronomy

- 32:1: Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, **the words of my mouth. 2: My doctrine shall drop as the rain**, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3: Because I will **publish the name of the LORD**: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4: He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Habakkuk

- 2:14: For the earth shall be filled with the **knowledge of the glory of the LORD**, as the **waters** cover the sea.

This will be the forming of Christ in us in its fullness. Our life will be a living epistle that Christ is in us. Jesus then says

John

- 14:20: At that day ye shall know that **I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.** 21: He that **hath my commandments**, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22: Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, **how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us**, and

not unto the world? 23: Jesus **answered** and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

Jesus told his disciples that [Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you – Joh 20:21] but remember before they go to do the work they had to receive power, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8. What were they sent to do?

Matthew

- 28:19: *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

By obeying all things commanded, then Christ will be with them always, his spirit will be. John adds information on this commission that Matthew doesn't record [And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**: John 20:22]

- "And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost**: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." **The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified.** The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. **Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose.** Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.** He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. {DA 805.2}

This was more than just impartation of knowledge or normal breath here, the words receive ye the holy ghost were accompanied with **a divine power** as we see in John 6:63. It was **"A SPARK OF GOD'S OWN LIFE"** –

- [Every faculty that we possess has been provided for us in Christ; for when God gave his Son to our world, he included all heaven in his gift. And God would have men value their powers as a sacred gift from him. **A spark of God's own life has been breathed into the human body**, making man a living soul, the possessor of **moral endowments**, and a will to direct his own course of action. He has the privilege of becoming a **partaker of the divine nature. This will give him power to conquer evil, and love and choose that which is good. He has a conscience, which, under the control of God, will approve the right and condemn the wrong.** And he may, if he will, have fellowship with God. He may walk and talk with God as did Enoch. This holy companionship is denied to none who will believe on Christ as their personal Saviour. {ST, August 26, 1897 par. 8}].

***This spark of God's own life is what always flashed in Christ when tempted with his peers and he would recoil from doing evil by choosing the word of God.*** This spark which was his divine nature worked through the word for without the word how could he distinguish if it was the Father or Satan working on his mind? How was Jesus able to distinguish rights and wrongs? Divinity flashed forth and prevented him from sin

- [Christ was an instructor, but in a simple and unassuming manner. Yet no one, looking upon the childlike countenance, shining with animation, could say He was just like other children. He was God in human flesh. And when urged by ***His companions to do a wrong action, His divinity flashed through humanity,*** and He spoke decidedly. ***In a moment He distinguished between right and wrong, and placed wrong actions in the light of God's commandments, holding up the law as a mirror which reflected its light upon the wrong.*** {Ms37-1898}].

Where did it flash? Now we know this was a work of two natures. The two natures retained their individuality, and the ***divine nature flashed in the human mind to remind him of the right and wrong through the commandments.*** His human nature was created; it did not even possess the angelic powers. It was human, identical with our own.

- [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.*** {16MR 182.3}]

Hebrew 10:5 a body, hardware was prepared to house this software, the divinity. Two individualities each retained its own existence

- [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.*** {Ms57-1890}].

But for the divinity to work humanity had to be alive. Humanity was the eclipse and if it were to be removed and only divinity remain, no one could have survived the presence

- [***But although Christ's divine glory was for a time veiled and eclipsed by His assuming humanity,*** yet He did not cease to be God when He became man. ***The human did not take the place of the divine, nor the divine of the human.*** This is the mystery of godliness. The two expressions human and divine were, in Christ, closely and inseparably one, and ***yet they had a distinct individuality.*** Though Christ humbled Himself to become man, the Godhead was still His own. His Deity could

not be lost while He stood faithful and true to His loyalty. .... **He was ready to take once more His divine glory when His work on earth was done.** {ST, May 10, 1899 par. 11}}

- [He trod our earth as man. **He had reason, conscience, memory, will, and affections of the human soul which was united with His divine nature.** {Ms57-1890}}

In John 17: 5 we read Christ praying [And now, O Father, **glorify** thou me with thine own self with **the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**]. What was this glory? We understand it was not the divine body that the Father glorified him with because he still has humanity. What is it then that the Father glorified? Reading further the commentary on John 17:5

- [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. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that **in giving his Holy Spirit he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him,** that he and his people may be one in God. Our way and will must be in **submission to God's will,** knowing that it is holy, just, and good. {ST, October 3, 1892 par. 4}}

He was asking then the **Spirit** which he had with the Father before the world was. He took once more His divine glory when His work on earth was done, **inspiration of sanctifying spirit, to work through their faculties, his own will.** This is what he breathed on his disciples and send them to work in the world for conversion of others. They became streamlets of what they had received.

For the commission of Matthew 28 and John 20, to have fruit, they had to receive the spirit of conversion, a sanctified character that made them to be called Christians at first in Antioch Acts 11:26. The words "receive ye the holy ghost" contained the spiritual life. **The words being the seed, the mechanism that carried the germinating principle by which when one is born of he doth not continue to sin** 1John 3:9.

- [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}

- *Do not, I beg of you, sink down into a **faithless position.** Arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. **Believe, believe without a doubt** that God hears your prayers. If you feel weak and unworthy, He is your **strength.** **The Word** is abundant in **promises** from God to us, and **the Spirit** helps our infirmities to plead these promises. **The Word shows the way, the Spirit helps us to walk in it.** You need to cling to the Lord with all your might. **The Word is the seed of the Spirit, and the Spirit is the quickening power.** Be firm, and **full of faith** and trust in God. {Lt92-1896}*
- *Romans 10:17: So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing **by the word** of God.*

The word of God is the platform, the spirit is the WiFi transmitter between heaven and earth, when the two are in sync, no power of Satan can break the bond between Christ and a believer. The will of the believer has become the will of his Maker, **Christ is formed within and the word becomes the personality** {CE 97.1} because are feeding on the personality [**flesh and blood**] of Christ in whom the personality of the father is brought to us.

- ***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}*

Before Christ's death and ascension we find that his spirit was in those that spoke:

1 Peter

- *1:11: Searching what, or what manner of time the **SPIRIT OF CHRIST WHICH WAS IN THEM** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.*

Yet we are told that the spirit had not been send!!!

John

- 7:38, 39: He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **OUT OF HIS** [as referring to Christ – Deuteronomy 32:1, 2 Psalms 36:8, 9; Isaiah 12:3, 44:3; Joel 2:23, John 4:14 **and as referring to those who receive him** - Proverbs 10:11, 18:4, 20:5] belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he **OF THE SPIRIT**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the **HOLY GHOST WAS NOT YET GIVEN**; because that **JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED**.)

And Christ promises the Father will send it

John

- 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **G243 Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;*

**G243**

ἄλλος  
allos  
al'-los

A primary word; **“ELSE”**, that is, **DIFFERENT** (in many applications): - more, one (**ANOTHER**), (an-, some an-) **OTHER** (-s, -wise).

What is this spirit that was not **YET GIVEN** that is called **ANOTHER, ELSE, DIFFERENT** and **OTHER** that had to wait for the glorification?

The Messenger says:

- *During His humiliation upon this earth, the **SPIRIT HAD NOT DESCENDED WITH ALL ITS EFFICACY**; and Christ declared that if He went not away, it would not come, but that if He went away, **He would send it. It was a representation of Himself, and after He was glorified it was manifest.** {ST, May 17, 1899 par. 3}*

Before the life of Christ as a human, the spirit was **IN FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD** flowing from the Father to the Son and then to all his creation [DA 21.2] but after partaking of humanity, The Father sheds forth his spirit and it has to blend with the **EFFICACY** of the God-Man; Jesus Christ. Christ became the Son of God in a **NEW SENSE** by partaking humanity, the spirit becomes **AL'-LOS, ANOTHER, ELSE, DIFFERENT**, and **OTHER**, by blending with the **EFFICACY** of the God-Man. This is the spirit of God and Christ in a **DISTINCT PERSONALITY**, the spirit in a **NEW SENSE** commonly referred to as The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ [Romans 8:9]. This is the **PROMISE** send after ascension to our hearts when we become sons and daughters of God [Acts 2:33, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6, and Titus 3: 5, 6].

## **A Distinct Personality**

1. The Father **IS ALL THE FULLNESS** of the divinity bodily
2. The Son **IS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE DIVINITY MANIFESTED** [blended with humanity]
3. Their Spirit is **IN all the fullness of the divinity** without a form and stripped of humanity. The divinity of the Father shed through the son hence divinity blending with efficacious human experience and coming to us in a mysterious **DISTINCT PERSONALITY**.

The Holy Spirit is not angels and it's not words, these are just mechanisms used to stream it.

GOD'S spirit of life comes to the believing child of God in various ways - ways perhaps of which poor humans know nothing. Of these we are not speculating. We wish to note the most common ways in which God bestows His Spirit.

1. **God must impart directly to the new-born child in Christ Jesus the constant life of the Spirit which gave it birth. He bestows that Spirit upon him, not as a segment cut off from the life of God, but as a constant life current connecting the human with the "Fountain of, Life."** "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 8:9.
2. He imparts that Spirit **through His living Word**; for as Jesus declares, **"The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."** John 6:63. "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath [Spirit] of His mouth." This scripture shows how clearly impossible it is to separate the two. He who feeds upon God's Word feeds upon His life. **"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword."** Hebrew. 4:12. This two edged sword is the **"sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:** [Ephesians 6:17]
3. By **angelic ministry God bestows His Spirit**. Upon His shining messengers God places His Spirit, fills them with its power, and sends them forth to impart that Spirit to those fitted and willing to receive it. **But Spirit-filled and Spirit-panoplied though they come, the angels are not the Spirit of God** they bear that glory [DA 779.2]. For even so God sends forth His earthly messengers Spirit-clothed and Spirit-filled to minister of His power and His goodness to others. But the Spirit of God is before the messenger and above the messenger. The messengers are but channels through which God's life flows to the thirsty and needy. [Hebrew 1:7, 14]

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

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

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

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

“Nature is a power, but the God of nature is unlimited in power. His works interpret his character. Those who judge him from his handiworks, and not from the suppositions of great men, **will see his presence in everything**. They behold his smile in the glad sunshine, and his love and care for man in the rich fields of autumn. Even the adornments of the earth, as seen in the grass of living green, the lovely flowers of every hue, and the lofty and varied trees of the forest, testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to his desire to make his children happy.”--S. of T., 1884, No. 11. {HL 285.1}

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

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

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

**WHEN HIS WORDS OF INSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, and have TAKEN POSSESSION of us, JESUS IS TO US AN ABIDING PRESENCE, CONTROLLING OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS**. We are imbued with the instruction of the greatest Teacher the world ever knew. A sense of human accountability and the value of human influence gives character to our views of life and of daily duties. Jesus Christ is everything to us,--the first, the last, the best in everything. Jesus Christ, his Spirit and character, colors everything; it is the warp and the woof, the very texture of our entire being. **THE WORDS OF CHRIST ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE**. We can not then center our thoughts upon self; it is no more we that live, but Christ that liveth in us, and he is the hope of glory. Self is dead, but Christ is a living Saviour. Continuing to look unto Jesus, we reflect his image to all around us. We can not stop to consider our disappointments, or even to talk of them; for a more pleasant picture attracts our sight,--the precious love of Jesus. **HE DWELLS IN US BY THE WORD OF TRUTH**. {ST, September 3, 1896 par. 6}

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

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

It is **THE PRESENCE OF JESUS** that is needed in our assemblies, to make the preaching of the word effectual to the salvation of souls. Preaching, in itself, has no natural power to renew the heart, and yet this is the object of preaching. It is **THE DIVINE INFLUENCE ACCOMPANYING THE WORD**, that brings souls in penitence to the foot of the cross. O that Christ's ambassadors would feel their need of Jesus, that their preaching might not be in vain, nor their ministry unsuccessful. When the minister hears the voice of the great Shepherd saying, "Lo, I am with you always," he works **AS IF IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS**; and out of weakness he is made strong. The word becomes quick and powerful, and, **IN PROPORTION AS FAITH APPRECIATES THE DIVINE PRESENCE**, and honors it, and trusts it, the preaching is in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. {RH, September 4, 1888 par. 12}

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

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

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

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

*The only safety for any of us is to plant our feet upon the Word of God and study the Scriptures, making God's Word our constant meditation. Tell the people to take no man's word regarding the Testimonies but to read them and study them for themselves, then they will know that they are in harmony with the truth. The Word of God is the truth. Of a good man the psalmist declares, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." He who puts mind and heart into this work gains a solid, valuable experience. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN THE WORD OF GOD. Here is the living, undying element so DISTINCTLY REPRESENTED IN THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF JOHN. [John 6:53-57, 63, quoted.] MUCH IS BEING SAID REGARDING THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and by some this is being so interpreted that it is an injury to the churches. ETERNAL LIFE IS THE RECEIVING OF THE LIVING ELEMENTS IN THE***

**SCRIPTURES AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD.** This is eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. To those who do this, life and immortality are brought to light through the gospel, for **GOD'S WORD IS VERITY AND TRUTH, SPIRIT AND LIFE.** It is the privilege of all who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to feed on the Word of God. The Holy Spirit's influence renders that Word, the Bible, an immortal truth, which to the prayerful searcher gives spiritual sinew and muscle. "Search the Scriptures," Christ declared, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." Those who dig beneath the surface discover the hidden gems of truth. The Holy Spirit is present with the earnest searcher. Its illumination shines upon the Word, stamping the truth upon the mind with a new, fresh importance. The searcher is filled with a sense of peace and joy never before felt. The preciousness of truth is realized as never before. A new, heavenly light shines upon the Word, illuminating it as though every letter were tinged with gold. God Himself has spoken to the mind and heart, making the Word spirit and life. Every true searcher of the Word lifts his heart to God, imploring the aid of the Spirit. And he soon discovers that which carries him above all the fictitious statements of the would-be teacher, whose weak, tottering theories are not sustained by the Word of the living God. These theories were invented by men who had not learned the first great lesson, that God's Spirit and life are in His Word. If they had received in the heart the eternal element contained in the Word of God, they would see how tame and expressionless are all efforts to get something new to create a sensation. They need to learn the very first principles of the Word of God; they would then have the Word of life for the people, who will soon distinguish the chaff from the wheat, for Jesus left His promise with His disciples. Just before His crucifixion one of His disciples asked Him the question, "How is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings, and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" [John 14:22-27]. These words are not half comprehended by individuals, by families, or by church members, to whom and through whom, as His family, God would represent pure, unadulterated truth, which, if received and properly digested, brings eternal life. Let us believe the Word. He who thus eats the bread of heaven is nourished every day, and will know what these words mean, "Need not that any man teach you" [1 John 2:27]. We have lessons pure from the lips of Him who owns us, who has bought us with the price of His own blood. The precious Word of God is a solid foundation upon which to build. When men come to you with their supposed suppositions,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**“The woman had come for water, and she heard of the water of life. She had been convinced of sin, and believed on Jesus Christ. Thus is the holy**

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

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

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

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

In the beginning was Eve, and Eve was with Adam and Eve was Adam. Is Eve the person of Adam? No, she is clearly not the person of Adam yet she is “called Adam” because of her nature. This is the same for God and His Son. The Holy Spirit is truly Christ in nature but not in personality when it comes to the Spirit in your heart. It is Christ’s divine nature we receive through His spoken word that comes from Himself which He inherited from His Father. In this way we have

both the Father and Son as we have their divine nature within our hearts produced by the word of God. This life given in the word forms Christ within but it functions in the human body as a “distinct personality”. The personality of Jesus is in Heaven with the personality of God but we are given the personality of the Holy Spirit through the word. Jesus has the “life of God” in Him yet Jesus is a distinct personality, and so it is with the Spirit as the Spirit is the “life of Christ and God” but is a distinct personality:

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

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

*“Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be **supernatural**, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the **power of God in Jesus Christ**. Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature” {8T 291.3}*

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

*“Forty-five years ago, when I commenced my labors, we met many erroneous doctrines. One and another would say, “I have the truth, because my feelings tell me so.” Others declared that they were led of the Spirit; but there are **two spirits in the world,—the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan.**” {ST, November 24, 1887 par. 7}*

Now notice how these two spirits operate:

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

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

Notice what Satan can do through his spirit:

“There are many dreams arising from the common things of life with which the Spirit of God has nothing to do. ‘There are also **false dreams, as well as false visions**, which are **inspired by the spirit of Satan**. But dreams from the Lord are classed in the word of God with visions and are as truly the fruits of the spirit of prophecy as visions. Such dreams, taking into the account the persons who have them, and the circumstances under which they are given, contain their own proofs of their genuineness.’” [VOL. 1, P. 569 (1867).] {5T 658.5}

“I saw that Satan was working through agents in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers who have rejected the truth and are **given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned**. While they were preaching or praying, some would fall prostrate and helpless, not by the power of the Holy Ghost, but by the **power of Satan breathed upon these agents, and through them to the people**. While preaching, praying, or conversing, some professed Adventists who had rejected present truth used mesmerism to gain adherents, and the people would rejoice in this influence, for they thought it was the Holy Ghost. Some even that used it were so far in the darkness and deception of the devil that **they thought it was the power of God**, given them to exercise. They had made God altogether such a one as themselves and had valued His power as a thing of nought.” {EW 43.4}

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-Trinitarians have always known the Trinity doctrine is a pantheistic teaching yet because some don't understand the cause of pantheism they fall for the same deception. Rejecting that the Spirit is in the word of God but it's some literal disembodied part of God is the foundation to spiritualism and panentheism.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Conclusively**

1. Having a part of Christ literally in us will mean having his omniscience. It will mean we will not have to learn anything because we will have known everything. Let everyone decide for themselves about such a matter.
2. Christ being in the Father and Father being in Christ is the only way to unlock how they dwell in us, an interpretation contrary to this will not be genuine and this is the place I part with other MANY because the way the Trio statements are misapplied with Trinitarians, SOME Non-Trinitarians fail to distinguish how the Spirit is or is not a part of Christ.
3. God the Father = "Fullness of the Godhead BODILY"  
Christ the Son = "Fullness of the Godhead MANIFESTED"  
The Spirit = "IN all the Fullness of the Godhead" - that is, it is something that originates "IN" the Father and Son. This Spirit is the sum total of Their Omniscience + Their Omnipotence. It flows out to all creation THROUGH THE WORD. This is established over and over again.

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

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

4. Going by the example of the blood transfusion as Ellen White uses the word transfusion, then we can securely conclude that, just as the blood of the donor does not equate to the donor living in the receiver, if the Holy Spirit is given in such a way, there is no way a person can escape the reality that Christ has given us something that has origin in him yet not part of him. This truth cuts both ways to the Trinitarians and some Non-

*Trinitarians. While Trinitarians claim a third God lives in them, some Non-Trinitarians will exclaim a part of God lives in them called The Holy Spirit whereas the reality is in the middle.*

### **The Power of Incarnation and Re-birth**

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

The Psalmist notes in 119:11: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee and 1John 2:13: I write unto you, young men, because ye have **overcome the wicked one**. 14: I have written unto you, young men, because **ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one**. [Sin could only be overcome by the third person of the Godhead who would come with no modified energy]

The incarnation and resurrection of Jesus Christ is another instance we see the mysteries of the spirit and how it is linked with the glory of the father. For Christ to be born the power of the most high had to overshadow Mary; [Luke 1:35: And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest shall overshadow** thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. It is the divinity of God that makes Christ the Son of God but when the divinity and humanity blended with the humanity when Christ became a fetus in Mary's womb is still a mystery unknown

- *He was tempted in all points like as man is tempted, yet He is called "that holy thing." It is a mystery that is left unexplained to mortals that Christ could be tempted in all points like as we are, and yet be without sin. The incarnation of Christ has ever been, and will ever remain, a mystery. That which is revealed is for us and for our children, but let every human being be warned from the ground of making Christ altogether human, such an one as ourselves, for it cannot be. **The exact time when humanity blended with divinity, it is not necessary for us to know.** We are to keep our feet on the Rock, Christ Jesus, as God revealed in humanity. {Lt8-1895}}*

At his death, because the divinity could not function without the human being alive; the only time that divinity lied in the ground of the earth, first time that communication with the Father could not exist. This was infinite sacrifice for divinity to be irresponsible. This is divine sundering, the stroke of death rendered divinity dormant. Jesus was in prison for allotted time

- *[There was only one entrance to the tomb, and neither human fraud nor force could tamper with the stone that guarded the entrance. Here Jesus rested during the Sabbath. **A strong guard of angels** kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of **their glory** would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth.*

**He who died for the sins of the world was to remain in the tomb for the allotted time. He was in that stony prison house as a prisoner of divine justice, and he was responsible to the Judge of the universe. He was bearing the sins of the world, and his Father only could release him.** {YI, May 2, 1901 par. 8}

- [Jesus said to Mary, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father." When he closed his eyes in death upon the cross, the soul of Christ did not go at once to Heaven, as many believe, or how could his words be true--"I am not yet ascended to my Father"? **The spirit of Jesus slept in the tomb with his body, and did not wing its way to Heaven, there to maintain a separate existence,** and to look down upon the mourning disciples embalming the body from which it had taken flight. **All that comprised the life and intelligence of Jesus remained with his body in the sepulcher; and when he came forth it was as a whole being; he did not have to summon his spirit from Heaven.** He had power to lay down his life and to take it up again. {6Red 22.1}

For Christ to resurrect the power of the most high, the glory of the Father, his spirit had to overshadow his body.

- ["And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven." **Clothed with the panoply of God, this angel left the heavenly courts. The bright beams of God's glory went before him, and illuminated his pathway.** "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." .... This messenger is he who fills the position from which Satan fell. It is he who on the hills of Bethlehem proclaimed Christ's birth. The earth trembles at his approach, the hosts of darkness flee, and as he rolls away the stone, **heaven seems to come down to the earth.** The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee. They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, "I am the resurrection, and the life." **As He comes forth in majesty and glory,** the angel host bow low in adoration before the Redeemer, and welcome Him with songs of praise. {DA 779. 2, 3}.

When the divine spirit comes in contact with humanity and overshadows it, life is begotten. The disconnect through divine sundering is restored. The glory which he came from the tomb with was that panoply from the throne of that accompanied the angels. God gave him glory [1Peter 1:21]

#### Acts

- 2:22: Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24: **Whom God**

***hath raised up***, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

#### Romans

- 6:4: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was ***raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father***, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

#### 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***.

#### 1 Corinthians

- 6:14: And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by ***his own power***.

#### 1 Peter

- 1:20: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21: Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and ***gave him glory***; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Someone may ask, why all this, what does it have to do with present truth and preparation of the close of probation? Fellow Christians, we are in sealing time and what's the seal?

- ***Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, . . . that we may know what is coming. {FLB 287.7}***

The loving and practicing the word of God will make the spirit abode in us. It's by received the word of truth that we are sealed with his spirit of and for redemption:

#### Ephesians

- 1:9: Having made known unto us the ***mystery of his will***, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10: That in the dispensation of the ***fulness of times*** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11: In whom also we have obtained ***an inheritance***, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13: In whom ye also trusted, after that

**ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**

Hence Colossians

- 3:16: Let the **word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- The Bible is to be made the textbook from which is explained in practice the simple theory of Christian instrumentality. **Its words are as the leaves of the tree of life to the suffering who believe in Christ, inspiring them with hope.** Their treatment is of the highest value to them when they have confidence in those who give the treatment. And the Word of God is the grand instrument which convicts the unconverted, convincing them of their need of the sin-pardoning Saviour. {Lt122-1901.10}
- The eye is the sensitive conscience, the inner light, of the mind. Upon its correct view of things the spiritual healthfulness of the whole soul and being depends. The “eye-salve,” **THE WORD OF GOD, MAKES THE CONSCIENCE SMART UNDER ITS APPLICATION; FOR IT CONVICTS OF SIN.** But the smarting is necessary that the healing may follow, and the eye be single to the glory of God. The sinner, beholding himself in God’s great moral looking-glass, sees himself as God views him, and exercises repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. {RH November 23, 1897, par. 5}
- **THE RECEPTION OF THE WORD, THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN, IS DECLARED TO BE THE RECEPTION OF CHRIST HIMSELF. AS THE WORD OF GOD IS RECEIVED INTO THE SOUL,** we partake of the flesh and blood of the Son of God. **AS IT ENLIGHTENS THE MIND, THE HEART IS OPENED STILL MORE TO RECEIVE THE ENGRAFTED WORD, THAT WE MAY GROW THEREBY.** Man is called upon to eat and masticate the Word; but unless his heart is **OPEN TO THE ENTRANCE OF THAT WORD,** unless he drinks in the Word, unless he is taught of God, there will be a misconception, misapplication, and misinterpretation of that Word. {RH November 23, 1897, par. 10}
- As the blood is formed in the body by the food eaten, **SO CHRIST IS FORMED WITHIN, BY THE EATING OF THE WORD OF GOD,** which is his flesh and blood. **HE WHO FEEDS UPON THE WORD HAS CHRIST FORMED WITHIN, THE HOPE OF GLORY. THE WRITTEN WORD INTRODUCES TO THE SEARCHER** the flesh and blood of the Son of God; and through **OBEDIENCE TO THAT WORD, HE BECOMES A PARTAKER OF THE DIVINE NATURE.** As the necessity for temporal food cannot be supplied by once partaking of it, so the Word of God must be daily eaten to supply the spiritual necessities. {RH November 23, 1897, par. 11}

- By reason of the waste and loss, the body must be renewed with blood, by being supplied with daily food. **SO THERE IS A NEED FOR CONSTANTLY FEEDING ON THE WORD**, the knowledge of which is eternal life. That Word must be our meat and drink. It is in this alone that the soul will find its nourishment and vitality. We must feast upon its precious instruction, that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and grow up into Christ, our living Head. **WHEN HIS WORD IS ABIDING IN THE LIVING SOUL THERE IS ONENESS WITH CHRIST; THERE IS A LIVING COMMUNION WITH HIM**; there is in the soul an abiding love that is the sure evidence of our unlimited privilege. {RH November 23, 1897, par. 13}
- **In the study of the Bible the converted soul eats the flesh and drinks the blood of the Son of God, which he himself interprets as the receiving and doing of his words, that are spirit and life.** . {SpTEd 219.1}
- The Spirit of Christ, working upon the heart conforms it to His image; for Christ is the model upon which the Spirit works. **By the ministry of His Word, by His providences, by His inward working, God stamps the likeness of Christ upon the soul.** {TDG 46.5}
- **God's holy, educating Spirit is in His word.** A light, a new and precious light, shines forth from 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 the soul. {COL 132.2}
- **“WITH CHRIST’S WORD ABIDING IN US, we shall give evidence THAT WE HAVE WHOLLY RECEIVED HIM who IN HIS HUMANITY LIVED A SINLESS LIFE. IN THE STRENGTH OF DIVINITY WE SHALL OVERCOME EVERY TENDENCY TO EVIL. . . .”** - {1SAT 399.2}
- We shall learn the value of the human soul when we learn to value the love of God for us. A divine Saviour died for all, that all might find in Him their divine Source. In Christ Jesus we are one, lifted to the same rank, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, by the utterance of one name, “Our Father,” through Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life a ransom for us. This places an equal value upon all. **To the poor and oppressed and downtrodden of earth, Christ says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, (which is Christ formed within the hope of glory,) whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.”** {Ms24-1898}
- “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.” “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing

in his sight.” “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols.” The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. **It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.** If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. {Lt66-1894}

I will repeat the words of the prophetess [**MUCH IS BEING SAID REGARDING THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and by some this is being so interpreted that it is an injury to the churches. **ETERNAL LIFE IS THE RECEIVING OF THE LIVING ELEMENTS IN THE SCRIPTURES AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD.** This is eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. To those who do this, life and immortality are brought to light through the gospel, for **GOD'S WORD IS VERITY AND TRUTH, SPIRIT AND LIFE.** It is the privilege of all who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to feed on the Word of God. Letter 132, Oct. 10, 1900]. Truth sanctifies, error does. We are sealed as we settle in truth not in errors of who or how the spirit is imparted. We want to share in the glory which we refuse to accept what it is, indeed this is another mystery in the mysteries of the Holy Spirit.

### **Angels and the Holy Spirit – The Unbroken Conduit**

This study wouldn't do justice without looking at the role the angels play in the ministering of the Holy Spirit.

#### **The Seven Spirits of God by Zaddoch Ponde**

- Revelation 4:5 And out **of the throne** proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: **and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

Really who are the subjects before the throne?

- Revelation 8:2 And I saw **the seven angels** which stood before God; **and to them were given seven trumpets.**

Notice this is issuing forth is from the throne, which we believe is in the heavenly sanctuary. And right in the same sanctuary were **seven lamps of fire**, mark that, and these **seven lamps of fire are seven spirits of God**. So the seven spirits are the seven lamps of fire

- Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, **in the midst of the throne** and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, **having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**

Again same sanctuary but now, the **seven spirits** of God are the **eyes** of God.

*Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the **seven stars**; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.*

Remember to establish this we must begin from known. We must begin from what the Bible says and see if the Ellen White has confirms it, and add weight of evidence from pioneer writings.

- *Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the **seven Spirits** which are before his throne;*

Again seven spirits are before the throne of God

### Lamps of fire

- *Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his **angels spirits**, and his ministers **a flame of fire**.*
- *Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] **like unto the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; **and his eyes [were] as a flame of fire**;*

Eyes of Christ were like a flame of fire. what does this mean?

- *Zechariah 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH**. 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; **upon one stone [shall be] seven eyes**: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.*

The branch is Christ,

- *Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the **man whose name [is] The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; **and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both**.*

Elijah the prophet was taken to Heaven by angels under the symbol of a “Chariot of Fire”.

- *2 Kings 2:11* And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there **appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder**; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

CHRIST’S eyes were as a flame of fire:

- *Revelation 2:18* And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things **saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire**, and his feet are like fine brass;
- *Revelation 19:12* **His eyes were as a flame of fire**, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

The symbolism “flame of fire” refers to the ministry of angels.

- *Exodus 3:2* **The angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.** (See Acts 7:30)

## Eyes of the Lord

Another symbolic term for angels is “eyes”.

- *2Chronicles 16:9* For **the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth**, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.
- *Zechariah 4:10* For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with **those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**
- *Zechariah 4:14* Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth**
- *Zechariah 4:2*, "And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top if it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps which were upon the top thereof." **These seven lamps are called "the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro through the whole earth."** See Zechariah 4:10

- *Firm integrity shines forth as gold amid the dross and rubbish of the world. Deceit, falsehood, and unfaithfulness may be glossed over and hidden from the eyes of man, but not **from the eyes of God. The angels of God, who watch the development of character and weigh moral worth**, record in the books of heaven these minor transactions which reveal character. {CG 152.4}*

There is a common interpretation that the 7 spirits are the spirit of Christ and thus it simply refer to the characteristic qualities of the holy spirit. This verse is commonly quoted:

- *Isaiah 11:2 **And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;***

**Here only 6 attributes are mentioned not 7. Secondly contrast this with what the verse below says**

- *Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from **him which is, and which was, and which is to come**; and **FROM THE SEVEN SPIRITS** which are before his throne; 5 And from **Jesus Christ**, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

Here greetings are sent from:

- a) *“Him which is, and which was, and which is to come”,- **God the Father***
- b) ***Seven spirits** before the throne*
- c) ***Jesus Christ***

Think for a moment, do the spirits send greetings! We know that in the heavenly sanctuary we have physically the father, the son and angels ministering to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Of course, the character attributes of the Holy Spirit can't send greetings neither is the Holy Spirit another being floating somewhere capable of sending greetings.

This repeats the concept in verse 1

- *Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of **Jesus Christ**, which **God gave unto him**, to show unto **his servants things** which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] **by his angel** unto his servant John:*

God → Christ → Angels → Prophets → Servants

- *How impotent on this occasion was the power of the kings and rulers. They could not act their will on Him who was slain for the sins of the*

world. Had it been possible, the prince of darkness with his apostate army would have kept forever sealed the tomb that held **the Son of God. But a heavenly host guarded the sepulcher.** With majestic and terrible tread, **the God of heaven, followed by the angels, walked round the tomb of Christ.** They had been unseen witnesses of all that had taken place in the mock trial in the judgment hall. Every action was noted, every taunt recorded. {12MR 421.2}

According to Rev 3:1

- **Revelation 3:1** And<sup>G2532</sup> unto the<sup>G3588</sup> angel<sup>G32</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> church<sup>G1577</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> Sardis<sup>G4554</sup> write;<sup>G1125</sup> These things<sup>G3592</sup> saith<sup>G3004</sup> he that hath<sup>G2192</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> seven<sup>G2033</sup> Spirits<sup>G4151</sup> of God,<sup>G2316</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> seven<sup>G2033</sup> stars;<sup>G792</sup> I know<sup>G1492</sup> thy<sup>G4675</sup> works,<sup>G2041</sup> that<sup>G3754</sup> thou hast<sup>G2192</sup> a name<sup>G3686</sup> that<sup>G3754</sup> thou livest,<sup>G2198</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> art<sup>G1488</sup> dead.<sup>G3498</sup>

See how the word and is translated sometimes,

**G2532**

Kai

kahee

Apparently a primary particle, having a *copulative* and sometimes also a *cumulative* force; *and, also, even, so, then, too,* etc.; often used in connection (or composition) with other particles or small words: - and, also, both, but, even, for, if, indeed, likewise, moreover, or, so, that, then, therefore, when, yea, yet.

**Total KJV occurrences: 9264**

Seven Spirits of God, **EVEN** the seven stars but who are stars?

- **Revelation 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches:** and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

It is also interesting to note that to each of the seven churches, we see an angel sent and at the end we hear or read, **“hear what the spirit says to the churches”**

**Examples**

- **Revelation 2:1** Unto **the angel of the church** of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 7 He that hath

*an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

This is consistent through all the other six churches. Please try it out {Revelation 2:11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22}.

We have seen through Bible and Ellen White that the

- a) Seven lamps of fire are the seven spirits. Revelation 4:5*
- b) The seven eyes are the seven spirits. Revelation 5:6*
- c) The seven eyes are the flames of fire. Revelation 19:12*
- d) The seven flames are those that run to and from throughout the whole earth 2Chronicles 16:9*
- e) The seven lamps are in turn the eyes of the Lord that run to and fro through the whole earth. Zechariah 4:10*
- f) Those that run to and fro through the whole earth are angels. Zechariah 4:14*

This is a matter that is established not on deductions and conjectures but putting the scripture together hence we reject the suppositions of men of what they have taught the seven spirits of Revelation are mainly when it comes to the plan of redemption and not the whole scope of eternity where God do not depend on angels for omnipresence because he had this attribute before the creating angels.

God can be omnipresent without the aid of angels but in the plan of redemption, there are things in the counsel of peace, they have been designed to be so. This is not to limit God, think about the sin problem, God is under trial. Can the judge of all the earth be trial? NO. Right now he is waiting for the subjects of his kingdom to vindicate his character of love. Is God that limited that he can't do away with this sinful world and Satan and create perfect being incapable of sinning? He can; but God seems limited in everything as per human eyes and for the cause of the plan of redemption. He has designed things to be so because of his eternal love. So when we say that angels are part of the omnipresence of God, this should not be seen as taking away the attribute of God or limiting him. Until another proper exegesis can be provided that the eyes of the Lord in Revelation are not angels, we shall hold to the revealed truth that they are angels. Here we stand with the following admonition:

- The words that Christ uttered were not mere sentiment or opinion. They were pure, unadulterated truth. **Suppositions** and fables never passed His lips. {Ms140-1903}*

## How the Angels impart the Spirit

After establishing that the seven spirits are the angels, the next step is to elaborate how they impart the spirit. An admonition and counsel will be good for our start:

- *Here is a lesson of instruction to all the followers of Christ. He designed that none of these lessons should be lost, but be written for the benefit of future generations. There is necessity of carefulness of words and actions when Christians are associated together, lest Jesus be forgotten of them, and they pass along careless of the fact that Jesus is not among them. When they are aroused to their condition, they discover that they have journeyed without the presence of Him who could give peace and joy to their hearts, and days are occupied in returning, and searching for him whom they should have retained with them every moment. Jesus will not be found in the company of those who are careless of his presence, and who engage in conversation having no reference to their Redeemer, in whom they profess their hopes of eternal life are centered. Jesus shuns the company of such, so also do the angels who do his commands. **These heavenly messengers are not attracted to the crowd where minds are diverted from heavenly things. These pure and holy spirits cannot remain in the company where Jesus' presence is not desired and encouraged, and his absence not marked.** For this reason, great mourning, grief, and discouragement exist. Through lack of meditation, watchfulness, and prayer, they have lost all that is valuable. The divine rays of light emanating from Jesus are not with them, cheering them with their loving, elevating influence. They are enshrouded in gloom, because their careless, irreverent spirit has separated Jesus from their company, and driven the ministering angels from them. {2SP 37.1}*

We are told

- Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of **Jesus Christ**, which **God** gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his **angel** unto his servant **John**:
- Zechariah 4:2: And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **candlestick** all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and **seven pipes** to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof 3: And **two olive trees** by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4: So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5: Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 6: Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the **word of the LORD** unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts. 11: Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these **two olive trees** upon the right side of the **candlestick** and

upon the left side thereof? 12: And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these **two olive branches** which through the **two golden pipes** empty the **golden oil** out of themselves? 13: And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14: Then said he, These are the **two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD** of the whole earth.

This particular chapter of Zechariah is interesting to read. We have

1. Two olive trees
  2. A candlestick with a bowl
  3. Seven lamps
  4. Seven pipes to the lamp
  5. Two olive branches
  6. Golden oil
  7. Two anointed ones
- From the **two olive trees**, the **golden oil** was emptied through **golden pipes** into the **bowl of the candlestick** and thence into the **golden lamps** that gave **light to the sanctuary**. So from the **holy ones that stand in God's presence, His Spirit is imparted to human instrumentalities that are consecrated to His service**. The mission of the **two anointed ones is to communicate light and power to God's people**. It is to receive blessing for us that they stand in God's presence. As the **olive trees empty themselves into the golden pipes, so the heavenly messengers seek to communicate all that they receive from God. The whole heavenly treasure awaits our demand and reception; and as we receive the blessing, we in our turn are to impart it**. Thus it is that the holy lamps are fed, and the church becomes a light bearer in the world. {TM 510.1}
  - “Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these **two olive-trees** upon the right side of the **candlestick** and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, what be these **two olive-branches** which through the **two golden pipes** empty the golden oil out of themselves? and he answered me and said, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**” **The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding His throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth.**—RH July 20, 1897. {TA 150.2, 3}
  - There are **many who are laborers together with God whom we do not discern**. The hands of ministers have never been laid upon them in ordination for the work; but nevertheless they are wearing the yoke of Christ, and **exert a saving influence in working in different lines to win souls to Christ...** Read and study the fourth chapter of Zechariah. **The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl from which the lamps of the**

**sanctuary are fed. The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil** God's ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to church. **"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."** **God's servants can obtain victories only by inward purity, by cleanness of heart, by holiness.** It is of the utmost importance that **ministers set a right example. If they follow lax, loose principles, their example is quoted by those who are doing wrong** as a vindication of their course.-- Review and Herald, December 22, 1904. {TM 188.1,2}

- Concerning the **two witnesses** the prophet declares further: "These are the **two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.**" **"Thy word," said the psalmist, "is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** Revelation 11:4; Psalm 119:105. **The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament.** Both are important testimonies to the origin and perpetuity of the law of God. Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation. The types, sacrifices, and prophecies of the Old Testament point forward to a Saviour to come. The Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament tell of a Saviour who has come in the exact manner foretold by type and prophecy. {GC 267.1}

I will not go into details on the interpretation of these things since this is a sanctuary language and its ministration which every bible student understands save for non-Adventists maybe. In summary it can be said that the oil is from the olive trees, to the branches, to the pipes, to the candlesticks supplying the oil to the bowls for the lamps to burn. As we shall see below, it's the spirit of God via angels and messages send to the whole earth through his ministers.

In Rev 7 the angels says to hold until "WE have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. We see from scripture the seal of God is the Spirit:

- *Ephesians 1:13: In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the **word of truth, the gospel** of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit** of promise,*
- *Ephesians 4:30: And grieve not the **holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.*
- *2Corinthians 1:22: Who hath also **sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit** in our hearts.*
- *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.*

So the angels are ministering the Holy Spirit to us:

- *Hebrews 1:7: And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

- Psalms 104:4: Who maketh his **angels spirits**; his ministers a flaming fire:
- Hebrews 1:14: Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Further reading that don't need elaboration or commentaries:

- **The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth.** The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. **And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us.** {DA 143.1}
- Christ will be with these humble workers. **The angels of heaven will cooperate with them in their self-sacrificing efforts. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus will move upon hearts.** God will work miracles in the conversion of sinners. Men and women will be gathered into church fellowship. Meeting houses will be built, and institutions of learning established. {MR311 36.2}
- "And, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet." This Ethiopian was a man of good standing and of wide influence. God saw that when converted he would give others the light he had received and would exert a **strong influence in favor of the gospel. Angels of God were attending this seeker for light, and he was being drawn to the Saviour. By the ministration of the Holy Spirit** the Lord brought him into touch with one who could lead him to the light. {AA 107.3}
- When God pointed out to Philip his work, the disciple did not say, as many are saying today, "God does not mean that. I will not be too confident, or I shall make a mistake." Philip that day learned a lesson of conformity to God's will which was worth everything to him. He learned that every soul is precious in the sight of God, **and that angels will bring to the appointed agencies light for those who are in need of it.** The heavenly angels do not undertake the work of preaching the gospel. **Through the ministration of angels God sends light to His people,** and through His people this light is to be given to the world. **The Holy Spirit will guide and instruct men and women** if they will show themselves willing to be guided by placing themselves in positions where they can communicate the light received. {BEcho, December 10, 1900 par. 12}
- From the two olive trees the golden oil was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. **So from the holy ones that stand in**

**God's presence His Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path.** "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6. {COL 408.1}

- I am afraid we have altogether too cheap and common ideas. "Behold the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee." Let not any one venture to limit the power of the Holy One of Israel. There are conjectures and questions in regard to God's work. Take off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. **Yes, angels are the ministers of God upon the earth, doing His will.** {3MR 207.4}
- **Angels are helping in this work to restore** the fallen and bring them back to the One who has given His life to redeem them, and **the Holy Spirit is co-operating with the ministry of human agencies to arouse the moral powers by working on the heart**, reprovng of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. {6T 260.1}
- We have an Advocate pleading in our behalf. **The Holy Ghost is continually engaged in beholding our course of action.** We need now keen perception, that by our own practical godliness the truth may be made to appear truth as it is in Jesus. **The angelic agencies are messengers from heaven, actually ascending and descending, keeping earth in constant connection with the heaven above. These angel messengers are observing all our course of action.** They are ready to help all in their weakness, guarding all from moral and physical danger according to the providence of God. **And whenever souls yield to the softening, subduing influence of the Spirit of God under these angel ministrations**, there is joy in heaven; the Lord Himself rejoices with singing. {1SM 96.2}
- **We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels.** It would be well to remember that every true child of God **has the co-operation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend** the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. **Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God's right hand**, "All ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation."--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 154. (1911) {CM 110.1}
- Now the Saviour's eye penetrates the future; He beholds the broader fields in which, after His death, the disciples are to be witnesses for Him. His prophetic glance takes in the experience of His servants through all the ages till He shall come the second time. He shows His followers the conflicts they must meet; He reveals the character and plan of the battle. He lays open before them the perils they must encounter, the self-denial

that will be required. He desires them to count the cost, that they may not be taken unawares by the enemy. Their warfare is not to be waged against flesh and blood, but "against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12, R. V. They are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. **All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle.** Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. **The power of Omnipotence is enlisted** in behalf of those who trust in God. {DA 352.2}

- When the **truth in its simplicity is lived** in every place, then God will **work through His angels as He worked on the day of Pentecost, and hearts will be changed** so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth, as is represented in the **descent of the Holy Spirit**. {ML 58.6}
- The time is not far off now when men will want a much closer relation to Christ, a much closer union with **His Holy Spirit**, than ever they have had, or will have, unless they give up their will and their way, and submit to God's will and God's way. The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to **receive the Holy Spirit**. When souls long after Christ, and seek to become one with Him, then those who are content with the form of godliness, exclaim "Be careful, do not go to extremes." **When the angels of heaven come among us, and work through human agents**, there will be solid, substantial **conversions**, after the order of the **conversions after the day of Pentecost**. {2SM 57.2}
- All heaven is interested in your salvation, and **angels of God are waiting to do for you what they did for the early disciples on the day of Pentecost**. Do your duty to your children, and for those who are ignorant of the truth. **Carry out the teachings of the Word in your homes**. You must stand in harmony with the God of heaven if you would **lay hold of divine power**. Humanity may reach divinity through faith in Christ. Then humanity can reach out to humanity, imparting the hope of the gospel to souls who are perishing out of Christ.--Ms. 75, 1909, pp. 4-6. ("Labor for the Unconverted," October 18, 1909.) {10MR 112.2}
- **Through the ministry of the angels the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart** of the human agent and draw him to Christ. . . . But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that man may cooperate with the Divine, and it is given to Him to draw the soul but never to force obedience. {TMK 57.2}

- **A measure of the Spirit** is given to every man to profit withal. **Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent**, and draw him to Christ, who has paid the ransom money for his soul, that the sinner may be rescued from the slavery of sin and Satan. But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. **The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that the human agent may cooperate with the divine intelligences; and it is its province to draw the soul, but never to force obedience. Christ is ready to impart all heavenly influences.** He knows every temptation that comes to man, and the capabilities of every human agent. He weighs his strength. He sees the present and the future, and presents before the mind the obligations that should be met, and urges that common, earthly things shall not be permitted to be so absorbing that eternal things shall be lost out of reckoning. **The Lord has fulness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive the heavenly gift. The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ's service**, and will mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern, in proportion as the human agent shall earnestly desire the transformation. {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5}
- Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God's people is finished, **we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Angels from heaven will be in our midst.** {Mar 212.2}
- After the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit**, thousands were converted. **Angels of God that excel in strength, clothed with the brightness of heaven, came to the help of the church, and swept back the forces of Satan.** The work of the Holy Spirit was not limited to apostolic days; it is not confined to any church, large or small: the field of his ministrations is the world. "He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." **But the instrumentalities through which the Holy Spirit works are the members of Christ's body, those who believe in his name. It is through these light-bearers that the gospel is to be carried to all the nations of the earth.** {RH, January 20, 1891 par. 8}

Brethren suffice for now on this study, this is not even an exhaustive study on angels and the Holy Spirit. I wouldn't want to enlarge this small booklet unnecessarily. I will like you to think of the literal part of God that lives in angels that they give to us when commissioned by God or the literal part of God that lives in his word when we receive the oil in his messages both written, and breathed on us.

## **Views**

1. The INDWELLING of God is the Holy Spirit
2. Sin marred the plan and Christ incarnates and a body is prepared to restore that plan
3. Through that eternal spirit "THE INDWELLING OF GOD" Christ overcomes sin

4. Now the Father sends that “INDWELLING” with the perfection of His Son called the Spirit of the Son as a Third Person of the Godhead to overcome sin to rejoin humanity with divinity.
5. Adam was originally son of God because of that “INDWELLING” but lost it now we are made sons again by adoption
6. When the spirit is in our heart it testifies as it testified in the Old Testament hence the reason Christ says the spirit will testify. The Spirit testifies through us, we are the channel.

### **Hence**

- “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. 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}

People confound the Shekinah Glory with God. To say that God dwells in anything is to confound God with his Spirit. To say there is God the Holy Spirit is even worse because it's to deny Spirit of God dwells in humanity or you end up with TWO SPIRITS IN US.

### **Reflections on Omnipresence**

- Isaiah 57:15: For thus saith the high and lofty One that **INHABITETH ETERNITY**, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, FOR THE PRESENCE of the high and holy One who **INHABITETH ETERNITY** can alone constitute a church. Where two or three are present who love and obey the commandments of God, Jesus there

*presides; let it be in the desolate place of the earth, in the wilderness, in the city enclosed in prison walls. **THE GLORY OF GOD HAS PENETRATED THE PRISON WALLS**, flooding with glorious beams of heavenly light the darkest dungeon. His saints may suffer, but their sufferings will, like the apostles of old, spread their faith and win souls to Christ and glorify His holy name. The bitterest opposition expressed by those who hate God's great moral standard of righteousness should not and will not shake the steadfast soul who trusts fully in God. All things shall work together for good to those who love God. "This is the love of God, that ye keep His commandments." They that will be doers of the Word are building securely, and the tempest and storm of persecution will not shake their foundation, because their souls are rooted to the eternal rock. {Lt108-1886}*

What is to inhabit?

Inhabit - Wikipedia

Inhabit means **TO LIVE IN, RESIDE IN, and OCCUPY OR POPULATE SOME PLACE**

This is conclusively to be present at that place. Is God present in 2020. The answer is NO, he is physically present in heaven today not even in tomorrow and on the other side YES for we are told he inhabiteth eternity whether it be past or future. How is he present in the future? The quote below will answer "HE SEES". **SO GOD INHABITETH ETERNITY BY HIS KNOWLEDGE.** This is the case of omnipresence made possible by omniscience.

John 8:57: Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58: Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.

- **I AM MEANS AN ETERNAL PRESENCE**; the past, present, and future **ARE ALIKE** with God. **HE SEES** the most remote events of past history, and the far distant future with as clear a vision as we do those things which are **TRANSPIRING DAILY.....CHRIST WAS USING THE GREAT NAME OF GOD THAT WAS GIVEN TO MOSES TO EXPRESS THE IDEA OF THE ETERNAL PRESENCE.** {Lt119-1895}

In Revelation 1:8, the purpose of using "**FROM HIM WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME**" is to retell he **is EVERLASTING EMBRACING ALL DURATION, PAST, PRESENT.** No expression could more strikingly denote eternity than this. He now exists; he has existed in the past; he will exist in the future. There is an evident allusion here to the name **JEHOVAH**, the name by which the true God is appropriately designated in the Scriptures. That name seems to have been adopted because it denotes **EXISTENCE**, or being and as denoting simply one who **EXISTS**; and has reference merely to the fact of existence. Such a word would not be inappropriately paraphrased by the phrase "**WHO IS, AND WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME,**" or **WHO IS TO BE**; and there can be no doubt that John referred to him here as being himself the **ETERNAL**

**AND UNCREATED EXISTENCE.** The name carries the **OMNIPOTENCE, OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPRESENCE** that is the attribute of the Father. The words **“WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME”** are an exposition of the meaning of the Hebrew word **JEHOVAH** [Exodus 6:3]. A wonderful transliteration of the great name JEHOVAH: he was of **OLD, HE IS NOW, HE COMETH; that is, WILL BE FOREVER.** This is a title the son inherited from the Father.

The reason why **"HE WHICH IS TO COME"** is used, instead of **"HE THAT SHALL BE,"** is because the grand theme of Revelation is the Lord's coming [Revelation 1:7]. Verse 4 is repeated in verse 8 and can be pointed to Jesus as a revelation of **WHO HE IS; HE WAS FROM ETERNITY; HE IS NOW; AND HE SHALL BE FOREVER** as titles inherited because the Father's name is in him. He was in his promises before his incarnation; he is now God manifested in the flesh; and he is to come as a Judge, to judge the quick and the dead. Consider Exodus 3:14, **I AM THAT I AM.** These words interpret the name JEHOVAH. So the title of the Father in Revelation when pointed to the son only reveals his inheritance from the Father.

This portion of the salutation in Revelation 1 has no parallel in Paul, and is distinctively characteristic of the author of Revelation. It is one of the solecisms in grammatical construction which distinguishes this book from the other writings of John. While Revelation 1:4 directly points to the Father, Revelation 1:8 points to the son if it may be accepted; he is **"which is"**, since before Abraham he was the **"I AM"**; and he **"which was"**, the eternal Logos or Word; and **"is to come"**, as the Judge of quick and dead. **THE PHRASES ARE EXPRESSIVE BOTH OF HIS ETERNITY, HE BEING GOD FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING; AND OF HIS IMMUTABILITY, HE BEING NOW WHAT HE ALWAYS WAS, AND WILL BE WHAT HE NOW IS, AND EVER WAS, WITHOUT ANY VARIABLENESS, OR SHADOW OF TURNING:** they are a periphrasis, and an explanation of the word "JEHOVAH", which includes all tenses, past, present, and to come. So the Jews explain this name in [Exodus 3:14]; a paraphrase of the **"INEFFABLE NAME"** revealed to Moses or, rather perhaps, a paraphrase of the explanation of the Name given to him **"I AM THAT I AM"** which is rendered by the LXX. **"I AM HE WHICH IS;"** by the Targum of Palestine on Exodus. **"I AM HE WHO IS AND WHO WILL BE."** The same Targum on Deuteronomy 32:39 **has "BEHOLD NOW, I AM HE WHO AM AND WAS, AND WILL BE."** He has redeemed us, and in due time he will come to take us where he is as promised [John 14:1-3].

What is INEFFABLE NAME?

**Wikipedia**

**Ineffability**

Ineffability is concerned with ideas that cannot or should not be expressed in **SPOKEN WORDS** [i.e. 2Corinthians 12:4], often being in the form of a taboo or incomprehensible term. This property is commonly associated with philosophy, **ASPECTS OF EXISTENCE**, and similar concepts that are **INHERENTLY "TOO GREAT", COMPLEX, OR ABSTRACT TO BE ADEQUATELY COMMUNICATED.** A

typical example is the name of God in Judaism, written as YHWH but substituted with "the Lord" or "HaShem" when reading.

God and Christ are literally in heaven while they are everywhere by their spirit.

1. **Objection 1:** Is God Present everywhere in the universe?

### Numbers 14:21

But indeed, as I live, all the **EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD.**

### Psalms 72:19

And blessed be His glorious name forever; **AND MAY THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY** Amen, and Amen.

### Jeremiah 23:24

"Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the **LORD "DO I NOT FILL THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?"** declares the LORD.

### Isaiah 6:3

And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, **THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY.**"

### Habakkuk 3:3

God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran Selah **HIS SPLENDOR COVERS THE HEAVENS,** And the earth is full of His praise.

- *The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. "The Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4); **YET BY HIS SPIRIT HE IS EVERYWHERE PRESENT.** He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand... {Ed 132.2}*
- *The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will. **THROUGH THESE MESSENGERS HE IS IN ACTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH EVERY PART OF HIS DOMINION. BY HIS SPIRIT HE IS EVERYWHERE PRESENT. THROUGH THE AGENCY OF HIS SPIRIT AND HIS ANGELS HE MINISTERS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN.** {MH 417.2}*
- ***THE PSALMIST REPRESENTS THE PRESENCE OF THE INFINITE ONE AS PERVADING THE UNIVERSE.** "If I ascend up into Heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." **WE CAN NEVER FIND A SOLITUDE WHERE GOD IS NOT. The ever watchful EYE OF OMNISCIENCE IS UPON ALL OUR WORKS,** and although he can marshal the armies of Heaven to do his will, he condescends to accept the services of frail, erring mortals. {ST, July 14, 1881 par. 10}*

## YET WE SHOULDN'T CONFOUND GOD WITH HIS SPIRIT WITH MAKES HIM OMNIPRESENT

- *Does not God say he fills immensity of space? We answer, No. Psalm 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. Psalm 11:4. The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, etc. Habakkuk 2:20; Psalm 102:19. For he hath looked down from the height of his Sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth. 1 Peter 3:12. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers, etc. Psalm 80:1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. Psalm 99:1; Isaiah 37:16. [ARSH March 7, 1854, p. 50.9]*

2. **Objection 2:** “Man's spirit is not a different person; so also God's Spirit is not a different person. The Spirit of God is the conscious mind of God, aware of the thoughts within Him”

Refer to 1Corinthians 2:11

- *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

3. **Objection 3:** “Christ is Omnipresent at all times everywhere in the universe.”

- *Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. **HE WOULD REPRESENT HIMSELF AS PRESENT IN ALL PLACES BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AS THE OMNIPRESENT.** “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall [**ALTHOUGH UNSEEN BY YOU**] teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.....” {Lt119-1895}*
- *The work of the Holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, **AS THE PERSONAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO THE SOUL.**: {Ms143-1901}*

So the statement should rather read

“God is Omnipresent, God is present everywhere in the universe by his spirit” as the two quotes above says and also refer to {ST, July 14, 1881 par. 10}

4. **Objection 4:** His spirit fills the entire universe. **THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT**

*Pantheistic Theories*

- Today there are coming into educational institutions and into the churches everywhere spiritualistic teachings that undermine faith in God and in His word. **THE THEORY THAT GOD IS AN ESSENCE PERVADING ALL NATURE IS RECEIVED BY MANY WHO PROFESS TO BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES; BUT, HOWEVER BEAUTIFULLY CLOTHED, THIS THEORY IS A MOST DANGEROUS DECEPTION.** It misrepresents God and is a dishonor to His greatness and majesty. And it surely tends not only to mislead, but to debase men. Darkness is its element, sensuality its sphere. The result of accepting it is separation from God. And to fallen human nature this means ruin. {MH 428.2}

Hence God does pervade the universe yet we are told that his spirit does so. Notice the following quotes: -

- “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}
- “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}
- **THE PSALMIST REPRESENTS THE PRESENCE OF THE INFINITE ONE AS PERVADING THE UNIVERSE.** “If I ascend up into Heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.” We can never find a solitude where God is not. The ever watchful eye of Omniscience is upon all our works, and although he can marshal the armies of Heaven to do his will, he condescends to accept the services of frail, erring mortals. {ST, July 14, 1881 par. 10}

Again some confound God with his spirit, this I did in my earlier days back in 2009-2012. Transition from Trinitarianism to Non-Trinitarianism carries with it a lot of garbage and crude way of explaining things but as we mature in truth, there are corrections and clearness of thoughts on those things that seemed obscure hence a re-explanations of earlier views.

5. **Objection 5:** God's spirit fill the entire universe as what?

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- "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} **AS SUSTAINER**
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life," Christ declares: "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Christ is invested with power to **GIVE LIFE TO ALL CREATURES**. "As the living Father hath sent me," He says, "and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." "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 6:57, 63). Christ is not here referring to HIS DOCTRINE, but to His **PERSON, THE DIVINITY OF HIS CHARACTER**. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," He says again, "The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man" (John 5:25-27). {1SM 249.3}. **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 IMBUES THE RECEIVER WITH THE ATTRIBUTES OF CHRIST.** Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church.—[The Desire of Ages, p. 805.] **AS DIVINE CHARACTER THAT'S SPIRITUAL LIFE**

When it comes to the nature of the spirit, we have to remove our shoes because we are standing on the holy ground because we cannot **JUST DEFINE WHAT IS THE SPIRIT** but can just experience its work. Refer to John 3:8. Also

- “It is not essential for us to be able to define **JUST** what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Spirit is the Comforter, “the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father.” It is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, “He shall not speak of Himself.” John 15:26; 16:13. **THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A MYSTERY**. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, **SILENCE IS GOLDEN**. {AA 51.}”

6. **Objection 6:** Does the spirit fill the universe as a living conscious mind?

- About this, refer to the above quotes but we are told “**There are three living persons [personalities]** of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ. {Ms21-1906}

So I can't go beyond this on the issue of how conscious the spirit is conscious or how living its living but accept it by faith and hold onto though the Holy spirit is not a disembodied cognitive person moving around. If that was were so then the plants have and atoms have a conscious mind. The nature of the Holy Spirit is mystery.

- “Every faculty that we possess has been provided for us in Christ; for when God gave his Son to our world, he included all heaven in his gift. And God would have men value their powers as a sacred gift from him. **A SPARK OF GOD'S OWN LIFE HAS BEEN BREATHED INTO THE HUMAN BODY, MAKING MAN A LIVING SOUL, THE POSSESSOR OF MORAL ENDOWMENTS**, and A **WILL** to direct his own course of action. He has the privilege of becoming a **PARTAKER OF THE DIVINE NATURE**. This will give him power to conquer evil, and love and choose that which is good. He has a **CONSCIENCE, WHICH, UNDER THE CONTROL OF GOD**, will approve the right and condemn the wrong. And he may, if he will, have fellowship with God. He may walk and talk with God as did Enoch. **THIS HOLY COMPANIONSHIP** is denied to none who will **BELIEVE ON CHRIST** as their personal Saviour. {ST, August 26, 1897 par. 8}”
- Christ was an instructor, but in a simple and unassuming manner. Yet no one, looking upon the childlike countenance, shining with animation, could say **HE WAS JUST LIKE OTHER CHILDREN**. He was God in human flesh.

*And when urged by **His companions to do a wrong action, HIS DIVINITY FLASHED THROUGH HUMANITY**, and He spoke decidedly. **IN A MOMENT HE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, and placed WRONG ACTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, holding up the law as a mirror which reflected its light upon the wrong.** {Ms37-1898}*

Also think about this, the spirit of God, its omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. But when he gives to us as a spiritual life, does it come or imbue us with those three attributes I mean does it make us have those three attributes as God?

7. **Objection 7:** God spirit is not in the sinner as a spark of spiritual life but as a sustaining life

- *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}*

The spirit doesn't fill anything as a conscious entity. In plants which are inanimate God works in them as a creative power but men have to accept him for him to work in them. They have a choice to make for God to work in them to perfect their character. In a sinner it can be said it is there in an inanimate lever just as plants until he accepts to be worked on to impart spiritual life and work on moral capabilities.

8. **Objection 8:** Can Christ breathe out his spirit?

John 20:22 is a good answer

- *And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:***

9. **Objection 9:** Was the spirit of God literally upon the face of the water or just words?

The cross-reference of Genesis 1:2 is Psalms 29:3, 104:30, 33:6 and all I can add to this is

- “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} **AS SUSTAINER**
- **GOD SPOKE, AND HIS WORDS CREATED** His works in the natural world. God's creation is but a reservoir of means made ready for Him to employ instantly to do His pleasure (Letter 131, 1897). **AS CREATIVE POWER**

### **Holy Spirit Possession**

- 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)
- 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)
- **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)
- 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)

- 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)

I have ever read the following quote but never looked at it keenly to see how it reconciles with the Bible without forcing it into it. After looking at it in one of my devotions, the difficult was removed and saw how it continues to be contradiction to say some literal part of God dwells in man or anything

- From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a **TEMPLE FOR THE INDWELLING** of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. {DA 161.1}
- 1Corinthians 3:16: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the **SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU?**
- Hebrews 10:5: Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a **BODY HAST THOU PREPARED ME:**
- Hebrews 9:14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, **WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- Galatians 4:6: **And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**
- Romans 8:15: **For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

#### THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST.

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- **THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CHRIST IS THE RECEPTION OF HIM IN THE HEART.** When He who is the power of God, is enthroned in man, the power is there also, but to be used only by his direction, and under his absolute

control. God's power cannot be had for any other purpose than to carry out the will of Him whose power it is. So if man has that power operate in him, it will be when his will has been yielded in subjection to the will of God, through the **ABIDING PRESENCE OF CHRIST**.

- **THE RECEPTION OF CHRIST** is therefore the all-important point to be gained, rather than an ostentatious display of power. This accomplished, the desire for power will no longer be in mind. That will be left for God to manifest as He wills. The great question to settle first, is, "Am I the Lord's?" If so, then He can take care of his own, by using his power in our behalf as He wills, even as He uses it through Christ in the plan of salvation as He wills. The great need, therefore, in every case, **IS TO HAVE CHRIST ACTUALLY DWELLING WITHIN. THE PROCESS BY WHICH THIS IS DONE, IS STATED BY THE SAVIOUR HIMSELF:** "If a man love Me, he will **KEEP MY WORDS**; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. Whoever accepts this promise just as it is given, and fulfils the conditions it enjoins, becomes the house—the dwelling-place—of **GOD, AND CHRIST, AS HIS SON**, is made head over the house, to control and guide its affairs at all times. Heb. 3:6. This requires the presentation of the body as a living sacrifice to God, that He may transform it into a holy habitation for Himself, wherein He may both will and do according to his good pleasure. Rom. 12:1, 2 ; Phil. 2:13.
- **HE WHO SUBMITS TO HAVE CHRIST COME IN TO RULE OVER HIS HEART AND MIND**, accepts an infinite legacy. He has more than simply the name of belonging to Christ. Christ is his, in fact, with all he possesses. **IS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD? HE WHO HAS CHRIST IS ALSO A SON.** i John 3:2. **IS CHRIST ONE WITH THE FATHER?** John 10:30. **SO IS HE WHO HAS THE INDWELLING CHRIST. John 17:23. GOD RECOGNIZES THE CALL, "Father," FROM ALL AS SUCH**, because in every case **IT IS THE CRY OF HIS OWN BELOVED SON, WHO BY HIS SPIRIT CALLS** from the heart of an adopted child. Gal. 4:6.
- Every supplication of this kind is sure to meet a response from the throne of God. Had Christ, when on earth, demanded twelve legions of angels, they would have been forthcoming. Matt. 26:53. Will any request from Him now pass unheeded? Impossible. When **A PETITION IS INDITED BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DWELLING WITHIN A HUMAN HEART**, that petition is sure to be answered. It cannot be otherwise; for the very purpose of giving **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST TO DWELL WITH MEN IS THAT IT MAY MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM**, and so cause the prayers of their longing hearts to lodge in heaven.
- It ought to be counted by all a boundless privilege to be permitted to give their bodies to God as his house—**THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—AND HAVE THEM THUS CONTROLLED BY THE SON OF GOD—JESUS CHRIST**. This done, the Lord keeps his own house from all intruders, and

so from all defilement. But as confidence in his word is the condition upon which He condescends to make our bodies his house, so the holding fast that confidence is the assurance of his continued abode there. This condition must be met whether one walks in sunshine or shadow—whether he feels it or not. In this way, and this alone, one may hold the rejoicing of his hope firm unto the end.

- **CHRIST DWELLS IN THE HEART BY FAITH.** Eph. 3:17. Hence **WHEN FAITH GIVES WAY TO DOUBT, CHRIST IS THEREBY EXPELLED**, the light of life is removed, and darkness reigns instead. In this condition fellowship with Christ cannot exist. To retain Christ by faith is to have complete fellowship with Him. i John i:5-7. Thus constant communion is enjoyed, and every petition from a longing heart meets a response in heaven. John 15:7. It is thus seen that the prayer of the petitioner is heard for the sake of Him who dwells within, dictating the request, and so power is bestowed, that Christ may use it in behalf of the house in which He dwells. **The use of the name of Jesus in prayer is, therefore, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO GOD THAT HIS SON IS RECOGNIZED AS A DWELLER IN THE HEART**, and that the blessings asked are expected for his sake alone who does dwell there. Then selfish requests will not be made, but everything asked will be for the **GLORY OF THE HEAVENLY GUEST WITHIN**. So, in granting what is asked, **THE FATHER IS GLORIFIED IN CHRIST**, rather than in the house in which He dwells. John 14:13.
- But a mere desire or want expressed, does not meet the required condition, since that may be done without the exercise of the will. The use of the will implies action. God acted his will toward men by sending Jesus Christ as a sacrifice of his everlasting covenant in their behalf. Whoever receives benefit from that expressed will must also act his will in fulfilling the conditions it imposes on all. The first demand upon the will of man in this matter is thus stated by the Saviour: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28. In responding to this invitation, the will of the individual must act in accordance with the will of God as expressed in the tender words of solicitude toward him. **To simply want to come will not meet the case, since one may want a thing and never receive it. But when one says, "I will have it," then every energy bends in that direction.** Nothing will be too dear to give up in order that the will may be carried out. So when one wills to have just what God wills for him, he is justified in making everything yield to the carrying out of that will, because it is God's will. This makes man a co-worker with God, and as long as he sustains that relation, nothing is impossible to him, from the fact that his will is in perfect accord with God's will. In this case self knows no desire aside from those expressed by God. Self is reckoned dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Consequently every member of the body, instead of being controlled by sin, is yielded to God as his instrument of righteousness. Rom. 6:11-13. Then God works in the

individual both to will and to do of his good pleasure, which is always right. Phil. 2:13.

## The Power of God's Word

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- It is interesting at times to analyze the statements we read in the Word of God, because by so doing we discover a depth or meaning in them which is not revealed by a casual reading. For instance, we read, "**The Word of GOD is quick and powerful.**" Heb. 4:12. **THIS CARRIES LITTLE CONVICTION WITH IT UNLESS ONE STOPS TO PONDER ITS INTENT.** But when we notice by other texts, as 2 Tim. 4:1 ; Rom. 8:11 ; Eph. 2:1 etc., that the word "quick" is used in contrast with death, and really means life, or living, the text immediately assumes a new phase, because of the engaging line of thought it suggests.
- **The Word of GOD**, then, is not an inert mass of expressions, **but IS A LIVELY WORD, CAPABLE OF PRODUCING ACTION.** This is brought out by the word "powerful," which comes from a word meaning energetic, or active. But that which is energetic has energy, or inherent power, and this gives capacity to operate and produce effect. **GOD'S WORD HAS THIS POWER** to the fullest extent, so that whatever it utters becomes so, even though the elements of which it consists were never before in existence. For example, in Rom. 4:17 we read that God calls "those things which be not as though they were." For a finite being to do this would be but to falsify; but when God speaks thus, his word makes it so.
- As stated by the psalmist, "He spake, and it was." Ps. 33:9. **Thus GOD'S WORD IS CREATIVE POWER;** that is, power to form out of nothing, or to cause to exist. In other words, God called things that were not, and immediately they were. **The same Word HAS LIFE-GIVING POWER** also. When Lazarus lay in the tomb, having been four days dead, the **SON OF GOD** spoke the words, "Lazarus, come forth," and immediately he that was dead came forth from the grave, to be a living example of the **POWER OF THE WORD OF CHRIST. True, CHRIST** was present in person on that occasion; but the result would have been the same had He spoken thus while in another part of the country. This is shown by the effect of his words spoken at Cana of Galilee, upon the son of a nobleman, who was sick at Capernaum. John 4:46-53. The nobleman, having heard of the power of **CHRIST**, went to Cana, and besought the **SAVIOUR** to go down and heal his son, who was at the point of death. The reply of **CHRIST** was simply, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." The man believed, turned homeward, and on his way was met by his servants, who told him that his son was alive and well. Upon inquiry the father learned that the fever left his son at the very time when **THE WORD WAS SPOKEN BY CHRIST.**
- **THE MYSTERY OF THE WORD** taking effect without the personal presence of **CHRIST** is explained by a statement made to the Jews: "It is the Spirit

that quickeneth; ...the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." John 6:63. **THE SPIRIT OF GOD, BY WHICH HIS WORD IS PRODUCED, REMAINS IN THE WORD; AND WHEN THAT WORD IS RECEIVED BY ANY ONE FOR WHAT IT IS, THE SPIRIT ACCOMPANYING IT' PERFORMS THE WORK.** But if, on the other hand, one receives the Word of God simply as a narrative of facts, or as that which had a local power only, he gets but the letter of the Word without the Spirit, in which case no life or living power attends it. 2 Cor. 3:6.

- **THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN THE WORD OF GOD IS CHRIST HIMSELF.** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the FATHER), full of grace and truth." John 1:1, 14. True, no one is able to fathom the depths of these scriptures; but one thing can be learned from them, that **THE LIFE AND POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS IN SOME WAY SO BLENDED WITH THE WORD OF TRUTH THAT HE WHO PROPERLY RECEIVES THE WORD RECEIVES CHRIST, WHO BECOMES THE POWER AND LIFE OF THE ONE RECEIVING HIM.** This is plainly taught where it is said that "the Word of life," which was from the beginning, has been seen and handled, and was manifested to mortals, and was in turn declared by them to be eternal life, so that we too, who believe, may have fellowship, through that Word, with **GOD**, and his **SON, JESUS CHRIST**. 1 John 1:1-3.
- **THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST WITH THE WORD IS ITS RECONCILING POWER.** As all are reconciled to **GOD** by Jesus **CHRIST** (2 Cor. 5:18), it follows that if the word is one of reconciliation (verse 19), **IT HAS THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST**, to effect such a result. Then, **AS CHRIST DWELLS IN HIS WORD BY HIS SPIRIT, HE WHO HAS THE WORD OF GOD FULLY IN THE HEART, HAS CHRIST THERE IN ALL HIS FULNESS.** The psalmist says, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11. **BY HIDING THE WORD IN THE HEART, CHRIST IS THERE ALSO IN POWER, TO GUIDE AWAY FROM SIN AND INTO RIGHTEOUSNESS.** In harmony with this, we are told that "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him." John 3:9. **THE SEED OF GOD WHICH REMAINS IN THE CONVERTED PERSON IS THE "Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."** 1 Peter 1:23.
- Thus the **WORD OF GOD DWELLING IN THE HEART IS A LIVING, ACTIVE FACULTY, WHICH IS NONE OTHER THAN CHRIST HIMSELF AS REPRESENTED BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS THE KEEPING POWER OF THE WORD** to every one who receives it in implicit faith, even to salvation from sin in this life, and to eternal salvation in the world to come.

## Accepting God's Channels

- **Heavenly angels are acquainted with our words and actions, and even with the thoughts and intents of the heart.** You, dear brother, fear that the truth will cost you too much, but this is one of Satan's suggestions. Let it take all that you possess, and it does not cost too much; the value received, if rightly estimated, is an eternal weight of glory. How little is required of us! How small the sacrifice that we can make in comparison with that which our divine Lord made for us! And yet a spirit of murmuring comes over you because of the cost of everlasting life. You, as well as others of your brethren at ----, have had severe conflicts with the great adversary of souls. You have several times nearly yielded the conflict, but the influence of your wife and eldest daughter has prevailed. These members of your family would obey the truth with the whole heart could they have your influence to sustain them. {1T 544.2}.
- **A measure of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent, and draw him to Christ,** who has paid the ransom money for his soul, that the sinner may be rescued from the slavery of sin and Satan. But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that the human agent may cooperate with the divine intelligences; and it is its province to draw the soul, but never to force obedience. Christ is ready to impart all heavenly influences. He knows every temptation that comes to man, and the capabilities of every human agent. He weighs his strength. He sees the present and the future, and presents before the mind the obligations that should be met, and urges that common, earthly things shall not be permitted to be so absorbing that eternal things shall be lost out of reckoning. The Lord has fulness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive the heavenly gift. The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ's service, and will mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern, in proportion as the human agent shall earnestly desire the transformation. {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5}

In God's divine plan, angels play a part in being the eyes of God and manifesting his power in all places in accordance with his will

- [A measure of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent, and draw him to Christ.** {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5}].

Also human beings acts this part

- *[Those who are in connection with God **are channels for the power of the Holy Spirit.** {Lt54-1894}]*
- *[When God pointed out to Philip his work, the disciple did not say, as many are saying today, "God does not mean that. I will not be too confident, or I shall make a mistake." Philip that day learned a lesson of conformity to God's will which was worth everything to him. He learned that every soul is precious in the sight of God, and that angels will bring to the appointed agencies light for those who are in need of it. **The heavenly angels do not undertake the work of preaching the gospel. Through the ministration of angels God sends light to His people, and through His people this light is to be given to the world.** The Holy Spirit will guide and instruct men and women if they will show themselves willing to be guided by placing themselves in positions where they can communicate the light received. {BEcho, December 10, 1900 par. 12}]*

To say that angel's or the word are the Holy Spirit **would fall short of the totality of what the Holy Spirit is. But the danger is to go in the other direction and deny that angels and the Word are channels of the Holy Spirit, and when acting as such they are bringing the spirit of God to us.** My understanding is that this is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Henceforth Jesus said **"the words I speak to you are spirit"**.

Angels are called ministering spirits, they are holy also. Therefore my conclusion is that when we are receiving the spirit through angels or the Word, then they (the instruments) are that very thing themselves i.e. The Holy Spirit but this is not a question of A=B and so B=A

- *[These heavenly messengers are not attracted to the crowd where minds are diverted from heavenly things. **THEIR PURE AND HOLY SPIRITS** cannot remain in the company where Jesus' presence is not desired and encouraged, and his absence not marked. For this reason great mourning, grief, and discouragement exist. Through lack of meditation, watchfulness, and prayer, they have lost all that is valuable. The divine rays of light emanating from Jesus are not with them, cheering them with their loving, elevating influence. They are enshrouded in gloom, because their careless, irreverent spirit has separated Jesus from their company, and driven the heavenly ministering angels from them. {1Red 31.1}.*

That doesn't imply that they are the source of the spirit or the totality of the spirit, **but they are spirits for that is what they minister.** So obviously with this understanding, to decouple the spirit from the instrument is to leave people with the notion that we believe in disembodied spirits.

Remember God is bound by his own attributes and his perfect plan. So in that sense he is dependent upon his creation to accomplish his will, because he has

ordained it as such. Over and over again the Ellen White teaches this principle. Jesus could have moved that stone before he raised Lazarus from the dead but he would not do man's part for him. Jesus could grow a tomato very easily without my help, but that's not the way it works.

Just to clarify a little further, I wouldn't say that "**angels are the Holy Spirit**" or "**the Word is the Holy Spirit**" because I don't think that would in totality be correct obviously. However I wouldn't make an effort to separate the Holy Spirit from God's angels or his word either, this in my opinion is an overcompensation that would open the door for disembodied spirits and some form of pantheism at that point. Jesus said the words that I speak to you are spirit and life, he didn't say the words are a channel of the spirit. Based on my understanding of the ministration of God's spirit (Zechariah 4) I think it's wrong to make efforts to separate the spirit from the channel, because when operating as such they are so interrelated that they cannot be separated. By refusing to acknowledge the channels God has appointed to commune with us and to be benefited by them, men are preparing to be ministered to by evil angels and to miss a higher education from angels

- *[Human agencies are the hands of heavenly instrumentalities, **for heavenly angels employ human hands in practical ministry. Human agencies as hand helpers are to work out the knowledge and use the facilities of heavenly beings. By uniting with these powers that are omnipotent, we are benefited by their higher education** and experience. Thus as we become partakers of the divine nature, and separate selfishness from our lives, special talents for helping one another are granted us. This is heaven's way of administering saving power. {6T 456.3}*
- *"**JESUS** will not be found in the company of those who are careless of **HIS PRESENCE**, and who engage in conversation having no reference to their Redeemer, in whom they profess their hopes of eternal life are centered. **JESUS** shuns the company of such, so also do the **ANGELS** who do his commands. These heavenly **MESSENGERS** are not attracted to the crowd where minds are diverted from heavenly things. These **PURE and HOLY SPIRITS** cannot remain in the company where **JESUS'** presence is not desired and encouraged, and his absence not marked. For this reason, great mourning, grief, and discouragement exist. Through lack of meditation, watchfulness, and prayer, they have lost all that is valuable. The divine rays of light emanating **FROM JESUS** are not with them, cheering them with their loving, elevating influence. They are enshrouded in gloom, because **THEIR** careless, irreverent **SPIRIT** has separated **JESUS** from their company, and driven the ministering **ANGELS** from them." [2SP 37.1]*
- *Every child may gain knowledge as Jesus did. **As we try to become acquainted with our heavenly Father through His Word, angels will***

***draw near, our minds will be strengthened, our characters will be elevated and refined. {CG 51.2}***

It is great to know that all heaven is enlisted on our side for our salvation and the Father and the Son has put a bulwark of defence for the heirs of salvation. And though good angels can read our thoughts, evil angels cannot and this is to our advantage so that the when the good angels realize we are about to veer off the way, our “ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it” Isaiah 30:21 when we turn to the right hand, and when we turn to the left.

### ***Evil Spirit Possession***

#### **Mark 9:17-29 ESV / 41**

- And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ...”

#### **James 4:7 ESV / 36**

- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

#### **1 Peter 5:8 ESV / 28**

- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

#### **Matthew 12:43-45 ESV / 24**

- “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

#### **1 John 4:4 ESV / 19**

- ***Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.***

#### **Mark 5:1-20 ESV / 18**

- They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him

out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ...

**Acts 16:16-18** ESV / 16

- As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

**Ephesians 6:10-18** ESV / 14

- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ...

**Luke 10:17-20** ESV / 14

- The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Matthew 17:14-20** ESV / 13

- And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. ...

**Luke 11:14** ESV / 12

- Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

**John 8:44** ESV / 8

- You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has ***nothing to do with the truth***, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**Luke 11:24** ESV / 8

- “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’”

**Mark 6:7** ESV / 8

- And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

**2 Corinthians 11:3-4** ESV / 7

- But I am afraid that as the serpent ***deceived*** Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

**Luke 13:11** ESV / 7

- And there was a woman who had had a ***disabling spirit*** for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

**Matthew 15:22-28** ESV / 7

- And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ...

**Matthew 8:28** ESV / 7

- And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way.

**Daniel 10:13** ESV / 7

- The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,

- [Daniel 10:12, 13 quoted.] By this we see that heavenly agencies have to contend with hindrances before the purpose of God is fulfilled in its time. The king of Persia was **controlled by the highest of all evil angels. He refused, as did Pharaoh, to obey the word of the Lord.** Gabriel declared, He withstood me twenty-one days by his representations against the Jews. But Michael came to his help, and then he remained with the kings of Persia, holding the powers in check, **giving right counsel against evil counsel.** Good and evil angels are taking a part in the planning of God in His earthly kingdom. It is God's purpose to carry forward His work in correct lines, in ways that will advance His glory. But Satan is ever trying to counterwork God's purpose. Only by humbling themselves before God can God's servants advance His work. Never are they to depend on their own efforts or on outward display for success (Letter 201, 1899).
- We have before us in the Word of God instances of heavenly agencies **working on the minds of kings and rulers, while at the same time satanic agencies were also at work on their minds.** No human eloquence, in strongly set forth human opinions, can change the working of satanic agencies. Satan seeks continually to block the way, so that the truth shall be bound about by human devising; and those who have light and knowledge are in the greatest danger unless they constantly consecrate themselves to God, humiliating self, and realizing the peril of the times. Heavenly beings are appointed to answer the prayers of those who are working unselfishly for the interests of the cause of God. The very highest angels in the heavenly courts are appointed to work out the prayers which ascend to God for the advancement of the cause of God. Each angel has his particular post of duty, which he is not permitted to leave for any other place. If he should leave, the powers of darkness would gain an advantage. Day by day the conflict between good and evil is going on. Why is it that those who have had many opportunities and advantages do not realize the intensity of this work? They should be intelligent in regard to this. God is the Ruler. By His supreme power He holds in check and controls earthly potentates. Through His agencies He does the work which was ordained before the foundation of the world. As a people we do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy between loyal and disloyal angels. **Evil angels are constantly at work, planning their line of attack, controlling as commanders, kings, and rulers, the disloyal human forces. I call upon the ministers of Christ to press home upon the understanding of all who come within the reach of their voice, the truth of the ministration of angels.** Do not indulge in fanciful speculations. **The written Word is our only safety.** We must pray as did Daniel, that we may be guarded by heavenly intelligences. **As ministering spirits angels are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.** Pray, my brethren, pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming. We need to make thorough work for eternity (Letter 201, 1899).

**Revelation 12:9** ESV / 5

- And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, ***the deceiver of the whole world***—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

**1 John 4:1** ESV / 5

- Beloved, ***do not believe every spirit***, but ***test the spirits to see whether they are from God***, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**Ephesians 1:13** ESV / 5

- ***In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,***

**Luke 4:33-36** ESV / 5

- And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

**Revelation 16:14** ESV / 4

- For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

**Luke 8:28** ESV / 4

- When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.”

**Matthew 8:16** ESV / 4

- That evening they brought to him many who were ***oppressed by demons***, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

**Mark 1:32**

- When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.

**Mark 1:23-26**

- Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!” And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”

## 2 Corinthians 12:7

- Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a ***messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!***

***Paul was not possessed by demon at this point but was tormented by the devil, there is no difference though***

## 1 Samuel 18:9-10

- Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on. Now it came about on the next day that an ***evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house***, while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul's hand.

## Matthew 12:22

- Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.

## Luke 22:3

- And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.

## Acts 5:16

- Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

## Acts 19:13-16

- But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"

## James 4:7 -

- ***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.***

## Matthew 10:1 -

- And when he had called unto [him] his twelve disciples, he gave them power [against] unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

I would like us to consider something about demon possession, it would be a catalyst of knowing also how we are possessed by the spirit of God and how angels work too.

- *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}*
- *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}*
- *There are multitudes today as truly **UNDER THE POWER OF EVIL SPIRITS AS WAS THE DEMONIAK 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}*
- *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}*

- 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)
- 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)

*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)
- 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)

Think about this:

What's the evil spirit? It would be answered "are they not fallen angels exercising their powers over fallen men. Truth but not necessarily absolute truth. Someone can tell you, you are having an evil spirit it doesn't always mean you have a fallen angel, what do they mean? Satan has control over your mind, emotions, thoughts and ideas. Thoughts lead to habit formation and character formation which may be reason why they through your mind can control the physical body. This is the truth. So the biggest question is how did Lucifer come to be possessed with evil spirit, and where did come from? Was Satan possessed by fallen angel in the very first instance of the origin of evil in heaven?

Yes he was possessed but there was no evil spirit, only what was entertained was vanity, envy, jealous and lies. This made Satan a being with an evil spirit. What is my point?! How do we get possessed? Satan exercising his will through us

Hence

John 8:31-51

- <sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my **TEACHING**, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the **TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.**" <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are

Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. <sup>38</sup> I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, **AND YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM YOUR FATHER**" <sup>39</sup> "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would **DO WHAT ABRAHAM DID**. <sup>40</sup> As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. <sup>41</sup> You are **DOING THE WORKS OF YOUR OWN FATHER.**" "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. <sup>43</sup> **WHY IS MY LANGUAGE NOT CLEAR TO YOU?** Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup> **YOU BELONG TO YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER'S DESIRES.** He was a murderer from the beginning, **NOT HOLDING TO THE TRUTH, FOR THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE, FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.** <sup>45</sup> Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! <sup>46</sup> Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." <sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that **YOU ARE A SAMARITAN AND DEMON-POSSESSED?**" <sup>49</sup> "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> **I AM NOT SEEKING GLORY FOR MYSELF; BUT THERE IS ONE WHO SEEKS IT, and he is the judge.** <sup>51</sup> Very truly I tell you, **WHOEVER OBEYS MY WORD WILL NEVER SEE DEATH.**"

Again a question I may ask, did Satan possess the good angels and they fell in heaven? Yes. How? He communicated his mind and ideas, they accepted them and so possessed the evil spirit and became channels of the same [Revelation 12:4: And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth]. What is meant by a tail [Isaiah 9:15: The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail]. That is how Satan appeared to Eve and made her fall.

The devil never entered them, he lied to them and they accepted the lies and became fallen, evil angels and evil spirits. He used lies to persuade them. Yes, he didn't enter them yet possessed their minds with lies. The conversation with Eve too, the devil through the medium of the serpent was outside Eve yet Eve sinned. She accepted to carry the will of another not her will, this is demon possession.

1Kings22:6-25:

- 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the **PROPHETS [THAT'S THE SPEAKERS ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON OR SEERS]** together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 7: And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides **[SPEAKER OF GOD/HE WHO IS INSPIRED OF GOD]**, that we might enquire of him? 8: And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9: Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah. 10: And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11: And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. 12: And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand. 13: And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, **THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS DECLARE GOOD** unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and **SPEAK THAT WHICH IS GOOD. [FOR GOOD OR BAD WORDS HAVE AN EFFECT UPON THE MIND. 14: And Micaiah said, AS THE LORD LIVETH, WHAT THE LORD SAITH UNTO ME, THAT WILL I SPEAK. [I WILL EXERCISE THE WILL OF GOD, WHAT I SHALL HEAR IS WHAT I SHALL SPEAK** - Joh:3:34: For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God, Joh:8:38: I speak that which I have seen with my Father, Joh:8:28: but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. Joh:12:49: For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak., 50: And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak., Joh:13:18: I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.]. 15: So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. **[THIS WAS THE WORDS OF SATAN SPOKEN THROUGH FALSE PROPHETS]** 16: And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that **WHICH IS TRUE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD?** 17: And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: **AND THE LORD SAID**, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. 18: And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would **PROPHECY NO GOOD CONCERNING ME**, but evil? 19: And he said, Hear

thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20: And the **LORD** said, **WHO SHALL PERSUADE** Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21: And there came **FORTH A SPIRIT [AN EVIL ANGEL]**, and stood before the **LORD**, and said, I will persuade him. 22: And the **LORD** said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a **LYING SPIRIT IN THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS PROPHETS**. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23: Now therefore, behold, the **LORD HATH PUT A LYING SPIRIT IN THE MOUTH OF ALL THESE THY PROPHETS**, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. 24: But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, **WHICH WAY WENT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD FROM ME TO SPEAK UNTO THEE? [HE FORGETS THAT MICAIAH HAS SAID ABOVE THAT HE WAS CARRIED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND WITNESSED THE CONVERSATION AND HE WAS JUST REPORTING.**

#### **BRACKETS AND EMPHASIS MINE**

And so here we have a possession of the spirit or a lying spirit and by what means, **PUTTING THEIR WORDS ON THE MOUTH OF THOSE WHO WOULD NOT HOLD TO TRUTH. The following is key to me.** Who said the words crucify him first?

- *In the contest between Christ and Satan, during the Saviour's earthly ministry, the character of the great deceiver was unmasked. Nothing could so effectually have uprooted Satan from the affections of the heavenly angels and the whole loyal universe as did his cruel warfare upon the world's Redeemer. The daring blasphemy of his demand that Christ should pay him homage, his presumptuous boldness in bearing him to the mountain summit and the pinnacle of the temple, the malicious intent betrayed in urging him to cast himself down from the dizzy height, **the unsleeping malice that hunted him from place to place, inspiring the hearts of priests and people to reject his love, and at the last to cry, "Crucify him! crucify him!"**—all this excited the amazement and indignation of the universe. **It was Satan that prompted the world's rejection of Christ.** The prince of evil exerted all his power and cunning to destroy Jesus; for he saw that the Saviour's mercy and love, his compassion and pitying tenderness, were representing to the world the character of God. Satan contested every claim put forth by the Son of God, and employed men as his agents to fill the Saviour's life with suffering and sorrow. The sophistry and falsehood by which he had sought to hinder the work of Jesus, the hatred manifested through the children of disobedience, **his cruel accusations against Him whose life was one of unexampled goodness, all sprung from deep-seated revenge. The pent-up fires of envy and malice, hatred and revenge, burst forth on Calvary against***

**the Son of God, while all Heaven gazed upon the scene in silent horror.** {GC88 501.1, 2}

- The **same hatred** that **PROMPTED** the cry, "Crucify Him! crucify Him!" the same hatred that led to the persecution of the disciples, still **WORKS** in the **children of disobedience.** T{AA 84.3}
- This conflict was opened upon the Son of God. He was afflicted, He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The Majesty of heaven had to leave the scene of His labor again and again because of Satan's bruising His heel, and finally Satan's malignity reached its utmost power **when Satan INSPIRED and CONTROLLED the MINDS** of wicked men to crucify Him. {CTr 248.5}
- And now another scene passed before him. **He had been shown the work of Satan in leading the Jews to reject Christ, while they professed to honor His Father's law.** He now saw the **Christian world under a similar deception in professing to accept Christ while they rejected God's law.** He had heard from the priests and elders **the frenzied cry**, "Away with Him!" "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" and now **he heard** from professedly Christian teachers the cry, "Away with the law!" {PP 476.2}
- If you would see what man will do when he rejects the **INFLUENCE OF THE GRACE OF GOD**, look to that scene in the judgment hall, when the infuriated mob, headed by Jewish priests and elders, clamored for the life of the Son of God. See the divine Sufferer standing by the side of Barabbas, and Pilate asking which he should release unto them. **The hoarse cry [THIS SHOULD BE SATAN], swelled** by hundreds of passionate, **Satan-inspired voices**, is, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18)! And when Pilate asked what was to be done with Jesus they cried, "Crucify him, crucify him" (Luke 23:21)! {2SM 129.3}. **Emphasis and brackets mine**
- Again he asked the question, "Why, what evil hath he done?" and again they cried out, "Crucify him!" Once more Pilate expostulated with them against putting to death one against whom they could prove nothing. Again, to conciliate them, he proposed to chastise him and let him go. It was not enough that the Saviour of the world, faint with weariness and covered with wounds, must be subjected to the shameful humiliation of such a trial; but his sacred flesh must be bruised and mangled to gratify the satanic fury of the priests and rulers. **Satan, with his hellish army had gained POSSESSION of them.** {3SP 142.3}
- Men were imbued with a **SATANIC SPIRIT** at the time when they decided that they would have Barabbas, a thief and murderer, in preference to the Son of God. **The DEMONIC POWER TRIUMPHED OVER HUMANITY; LEGIONS OF EVIL ANGELS TOOK ENTIRE CONTROL OF MEN, AND IN ANSWER TO PILATE'S QUESTION AS TO WHOM HE SHOULD RELEASE**

**UNTO THEM, THEY SHRIEKED OUT [demons]**, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas." When Pilate spoke again to them concerning Jesus, **THE HOARSE CRY WAS RAISED**, "Crucify him, crucify him." Through **YIELDING TO DEMONIC AGENCIES**, men were led to take their stand on the side of the great apostate. Unfallen worlds looked upon the scene with amazement, unable to comprehend the degradation that sin had wrought. **LEGIONS OF EVIL ANGELS CONTROLLED** the priests and rulers, and **GAVE VOICE TO THE SUGGESTIONS OF SATAN** in persuading and tempting the people by **FALSEHOODS** and bribes to reject the Son of God, and to **CHOOSE** a robber and murderer in his stead. They appealed to the very worst passions of the unregenerate heart, and stirred up the worst elements of human nature by the most unjust accusations and representations. What a scene was this for God to look upon, for seraphim and cherubim to behold! The only begotten Son of God, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, was mocked, insulted, taunted, rejected, and crucified by those whom he came to save, who had given themselves to the control of Satan. {RH, April 14, 1896 par. 8}

- The world's Redeemer knows all about the warfare that must be waged between good and evil. He has felt the malice of Satan to a greater extent than have any of his followers. **As Saul refused the words of a priest and took the testimony of a sinner, so the statements of false witnesses were received against Jesus, and his own testimony was thrust aside.** When Jesus was presented by Pilate to the people, and Barabbas was presented with him, and the ruler asked, "Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?" the multitude, **under the control of Satan, cried out like madmen**, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas!" "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands." **And the demon-like cry arose**, "Crucify him, crucify him!" This was the man in whom no fault was found when he was brought to trial; and yet a robber and a murderer was preferred before him. {ST, September 21, 1888 par. 10}
- **THE HOARSE CRY WAS RAISED BY MEN WHO WERE INSPIRED BY SATAN**, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" - {19MR 277.2}

They were possessed at the cross, in fact from the quotations you can get that it was Satan who first said and instigated the words "Crucify him" and then the mob just **swelled** the chant not knowing where it came from. It is said the **demons shrieked, gave voice etc.** From my reading above, I get that the first to say crucify him was the devil and his angels.

Some when confronted with the issue of demon possession will quote the following:

- *Mark 5:13: And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits **went out, and entered into the swine**: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*
- *Meanwhile the demons, **cast out from their human habitation, have entered into the swine and driven them to destruction**. {MH 97.2}*

Let us look at the larger scope of the verse and the quote because it seems that here something went out physically and entered another thing physically. But let us leave aside the word "physically" for a moment. Perhaps people could reflect on this. Do angels/demons have bodily forms as part of their being? Do people envision a demon bodily entering into a human, or pigs? If not, does a demon have the ability to have an out-of-body experience and leave their own body and enter into another? If this questions can be answered then we can hit the ground with a solid foundation and build a structure that cannot fall.

The idea that a person can be possessed by demons is a very misunderstood one. The Greek word that is usually translated to something like "**were possessed by demons**" can also be translated as "**exercised by demons**"

**Possessed with devils, <daimonizomai>**

**G1139**

δαμονίζομαι

daimonizomai

dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahee

Middle voice from G1142; to **be exercised by a daemon**: - have a (be vexed with, be possessed with) devil (-s).

**Total KJV occurrences: 13**

In Christianity it has come to be understood that a person has a **demon living inside** them. I think however that the Bible authors probably meant to convey the idea that a person is under the **influence or controlled by a fallen angel** as inspiration will make it clear below.

Let's have a look at the story of the demoniac, Jesus and the herd of swine. When Jesus and the disciples were out on that lake that night, I'm sure the demons that were in control of the demoniac knew *\*exactly\** who was headed their way.

When the demoniac was still approaching Jesus, they already launch into their defence strategy. They begged that Jesus doesn't torment him (them). They of

course knew that wasn't what Jesus was there to do but it was an attempt to distract Him. It also would have served the purpose of intimidating the disciples.

Jesus doesn't enter into any conversation with them, and tells them to leave. Jesus follows with a question, "What is your name?" I wonder if they were playing a game to be deceptive with Jesus' direct question; the answer is unusual, and again potentially chosen to be intimidating. Jesus doesn't react to that answer. The next thing he (they) say is, "Please don't send us to the abyss, but rather into the herd of swine." ***Pause for a minute, is there a literal place called abyss that the devil could have been send at that time? This should tell you this is more than just a foreground story going on.*** I would like to suggest that the idea that the abyss/bottomless pit being a literal place where demonic spirits are kept is an idea that goes hand-in-hand with Catholic & Protestant theology on the state of the dead. As far as I can tell, the agenda of demons at this point was a multi-deception to everyone who was there too.

Jesus doesn't enter into controversy with them, or correct them of this error of abyss. He knows they are just playing mind games because ***that's all they know to do***. This request was premeditated. They knew the demoniac was seeking to be free from their influence, and they have ***NO POWER*** to go against a ***PERSON'S WILL***. ***But, they also knew that if they could make it appear to the LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT JESUS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR LIVESTOCK THEY COULD DESTROY JESUS' ABILITY TO MINISTER TO EVERYONE IN THAT REGION***. So, they made do with Plan B and headed for the pigs. Being "disembodied" obviously wasn't a concern, or else they'd have stayed in the pigs and been the meanest pigs ever! :).

Jesus answer and what happens is interesting: Matthew 8:32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, ***THEY WENT INTO THE HERD*** of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ***RAN VIOLENTLY DOWN*** a steep place into the sea, and ***PERISHED IN THE WATERS***. Consider the case, if they entered in the heard and the heard drowned, couldn't it be possible they drown too unless they are protected by God or at what point did they again leave the heard? After the heard died? Remember during the flood how Satan and his angels were preserved by God? Is this also what happened here or do we take the Greek word ***daimonizomai which means to exercise power over?***

So, the flip side of the coin is...."Christ in you, the hope of glory." Again, doesn't happen in violation of our will and decision making process. It involves our beliefs, and the word of God and being exercised upon by good angels and it is intrinsically vital for us to enter into the experience. "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind that you put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:23. "Washed by the water of the word...."

This also leads to the question of why just "casting out demons" from people who are under the influence of demonic beings isn't always successful. But that is another topic. In our fallen state, human minds seem to be particularly open

to demonic suggestion, and every rejection of truth makes a person more able to be controlled this way. The entry point that demons have to a person's mind can give them liberty to do things through that person that may appear to be against their will. Take an example of Saul and the Bible saying the evil spirit from the Lord possessed him

- **“THE SPIRIT OF EVIL WAS UPON SAUL.** He felt that his doom had been sealed by the solemn message of his rejection from the throne of Israel. **HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PLAIN REQUIREMENTS OF GOD WAS BRINGING ITS SURE RESULTS.** He did not turn, and repent, and humble his heart before God, **BUT OPENED IT TO RECEIVE EVERY SUGGESTION OF THE ENEMY. HE LISTENED TO EVERY FALSE WITNESS, EAGERLY RECEIVING ANYTHING THAT WAS DETRIMENTAL** to the character of David, hoping that he might find an excuse **FOR MANIFESTING HIS INCREASING ENVY AND HATRED** of him who had been anointed to the throne of Israel. **EVERY RUMOR WAS CREDITED, NO MATTER HOW INCONSISTENT AND IRRECONCILABLE** it was with the former character and custom of David. Every evidence that the protecting care of God was over David **SEEMED TO IMBITTER AND DEEPEN HIS ONE ENGROSSING AND DETERMINED PURPOSE.** The failure to accomplish his own designs appeared in marked contrast to the success of the fugitive in eluding his search, but it only made the determination of the king the more unrelenting and firm. He was not careful to conceal his designs toward David, nor scrupulous as to what means should be employed in accomplishing his purpose. **IT WAS NOT THE MAN DAVID, WHO HAD DONE HIM NO HARM, AGAINST WHOM THE KING WAS CONTENDING. HE WAS IN CONTROVERSY WITH THE KING OF HEAVEN; for WHEN SATAN IS PERMITTED TO CONTROL THE MIND THAT WILL NOT BE RULED BY JEHOVAH, HE WILL LEAD IT ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, UNTIL THE MAN WHO IS THUS IN HIS POWER BECOMES AN EFFICIENT AGENT TO CARRY OUT HIS DESIGNS.** So bitter is the enmity of the great originator of sin against the purposes of God, so terrible is his power for evil, that **WHEN MEN DISCONNECT FROM GOD, SATAN INFLUENCES THEM, AND THEIR MINDS ARE BROUGHT MORE AND MORE INTO SUBJECTION, UNTIL THEY CAST OFF THE FEAR OF GOD, AND THE RESPECT OF MEN, AND BECOME BOLD AND AVOWED ENEMIES OF GOD AND OF HIS PEOPLE.** What an example was Saul giving to the subjects of his kingdom in his desperate, unprovoked persecution of David! What a record he was making to be placed upon the pages of history for future generations! He sought to turn the full tide of the power of his kingdom into the channel of his own hatred in hunting down an innocent man. All this had a demoralizing influence upon Israel. And while Saul was giving loose reign to his passion, Satan was weaving a snare to compass his ruin, and the ruin of his kingdom. While the king and his councilors were planning for the capture of David, the affairs of the nation were being mismanaged and neglected. **WHILE IMAGINARY FOES WERE CONSTANTLY PRESENTED BEFORE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE,** the real enemies were strengthening themselves without arousing suspicion or

alarm. **BY FOLLOWING THE DICTATES OF SATAN**, Saul was himself hastening the very result which, with unsanctified ability, he was endeavoring to avert. **THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD HAD BEEN DISREGARDED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE REBELLIOUS KING, and the LORD HAD GIVEN HIM UP TO THE FOLLY OF HIS OWN WISDOM.** The **INFLUENCES OF THE SPIRIT** of God would have restrained him from the course of evil which he had chosen, that eventually worked out his ruin. God hates all sin, and **WHEN MAN PERSISTENTLY REFUSES ALL THE COUNSEL OF HEAVEN, HE IS LEFT TO THE DECEPTIONS OF THE ENEMY, TO BE DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUSTS, AND ENTICED** (ST Sept. 7, 1888).

- How Satan exults when he is **ENABLED** to set the soul into a white heat of anger! **A GLANCE, A GESTURE, AN INTONATION, MAY BE SEIZED UPON AND USED, AS THE ARROW OF SATAN**, to wound and poison the heart that is open to receive it. If the **SPIRIT OF CHRIST POSSESSES US WHOLLY**, and we have been transformed by His grace, **THERE WILL BE NO DISPOSITION TO SPEAK EVIL, OR TO BEAR REPORTS FREIGHTED WITH FALSEHOOD.** The falsifier, the accuser of the brethren, is a chosen agent of the great deceiver. Ahimelech was not present on this occasion to vindicate himself, and to state the facts as they existed; but Doeg cared not for this. **LIKE SATAN HIS FATHER, HE READ THE MIND OF SAUL, and IMPROVED THE OPPORTUNITY OF INCREASING THE MISERY of the king "BY" THE WORDS OF HIS MISCHIEVOUS TONGUE, WHICH WAS SET ON FIRE OF HELL. HE STIRRED UP THE VERY WORST PASSIONS OF THE HUMAN HEART** (ST Sept. 21, 1888). {2BC 1020.2} The word "**by**" there is the key for unlocking the whole quote.

Think about Peter when he scolded Jesus for saying He would be arrested, tortured and put to death by the Pharisees. Jesus turned and said to Peter. "**Get behind me, Satan.**" Satan "entered/possessed" Peter and made him say that, however by which means? Inasmuch as Peter was still entertaining a vision of Jesus becoming the new King of Israel, and entertaining ideas of where he would fit into this new order, (false beliefs) Satan had opportunity to encourage Peter to express his [Satan's words] to discourage Jesus. I would say there is much in understanding the power and the limitations of beings in the supernatural realm. We cannot see with our human eyes this realm.

So on the issue of MH 97.2 you have just to go back to page 91 and get the whole context

- *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}

Am relating the following with the scenario of Peter

- *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}*

The idea that a literal fallen angel dwells in a wicked person is absurd. It is then said that when one evil angel leaves, he goes wandering and comes back with seven more wicked one and enters a person. It's strange to reach an illogical conclusion that a single person can host literally seven beings and still quote the case of Mary Magdalene Luke 8:2. When challenged, the brethren say, this is a literal reading of the Bible or do you want to offer a challenge like Satan "hast God really said?" This is interesting, if that be the literal reading of the Bible, then let us take it literal that the beggar when he died, he was carried in the bosom of Father Abraham and the rich man in hell and there was a possibility of quenching his torment with a finger drop of water. Some will say this is a parable but this is not what Jesus said it was like the other parables. Some of the lengths our brethren go in arguing that a literal part of fallen beings inhabit wicked bodies is sad. The same absurdity is carried to the literal part of God inhabiting believers. In Revelation it's depicted God. These absurdities are things that don't make sense neither are supported by Bible or Ellen White.

### *Faith of our Fathers*

Having looked at what the Bible and Ellen White says about the Holy Spirit, I welcome the reader to this section which delves in what the generation that followed the pioneers them taught about the spirit. How did they understand the faith handed to them by their fathers?

### Questions with Answers

**The Personality of the Spirit: An excerpt from "Questions and Answers, Vol. 2," pgs. 36 – 40 by M. C. Wilcox, Pacific Press, 1919: Preface to Volume II**

Volume I of "Questions and Answers" was published in 1911. It was made up from answers to questions from the Signs of the Times. The book contains 270 answers. They were gathered out of about 4,000 that had been printed. Many of these, in the nature of the case, were similar. Many were of passing interest only, and some were scarcely worthy of permanent preservation. So some persons will think doubtless regarding a number of the answers that were published in the book; but not all. Not a few were interested in all of them. The first edition of volume I was not exhausted before requests came for a second volume — from all parts of the field, from ministers and laymen alike— and these requests have continued up to

the present. The response is volume 2, issued on the same plan, in the same style, with the same complete indexes. The answers in the first volume were all by the writer. In this volume appear other answers, by later editors of the Signs of the Times; and to these credit is given by initials. A longer article appears, on an important question, by Prof. N. J. Waldorf. The answers are not set forth as infallible nor exhaustive. Constantly increasing light from the Word of God forbids the first; and the necessity of brevity, and oftentimes pressure of time, preclude the second. Hundreds of questions have been considered and passed by, many of which are as worthy as those admitted. The design has been to make the scope of the book as general as possible. With all its imperfections, it is given to the public. The author hopes, however, that its data, its classifications, its indexes, and its suggestions to further seeking in God's great storehouse of spiritual truth, may prove of helpful worth and blessing to the Christian worker and reader. M. C. W.

Following article is an excerpt taken from pages 36 to 40 of the book, pertaining to inquiry No. 28, dealing with the subject of the Personality of the Holy Spirit and the divinity of Christ. [Image of an antique telephone added and emphasis in bold supplied throughout]

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**[pg. 36]**

***The Personality of the Spirit***

- ***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? Some say that Christ was both divine and human while on earth; others say, No, He was only a man, and that miracles were performed through Him by the Holy Spirit. Which is correct?
- ***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 Spirit of God was brooding upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1 : 2, A. R. V., margin. Job tells us that God by His Spirit garnished the heavens. The psalmist, in speaking of the death of living creatures, and their restoration, declares that God sends forth His Spirit and "they are created." By that same Spirit Jesus was begotten. By that same Spirit He went about doing good. By the gift of that Spirit men are begotten again, regenerated; and by the same Spirit there are bestowed upon them gifts for service.***
- ***We cannot define too closely God or the Godhead. We must not try to do it, because it is beyond our limitations. We may know this, — that there is a great threefold manifestation of Deity. Jehovah is our God and Father; Christ Jesus, His only-begotten Son, is our Saviour and elder Brother, bringing to us all the potency of the***

**Godhead; the Holy Spirit is our regenerator, and the constant companion of every soul who believes in Christ Jesus. 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.** Jesus said (John 14; 18), "I will not leave you desolate," or orphans. "I come unto you." He tells us in verse 16 how He will come. The Father will "give you another Comforter, that He [the Father] may be with you forever." In verse 23, He declares that the Father and He will come to the man who loves Him and keeps His word, and that They will make Their abode with him. But both the Father and the Son come by the Holy Spirit. To the Holy Spirit is given power to make the Father and the Son present to the believer.

- We can get perhaps some idea of this by using the crude things of the world as an illustration. **We may suppose that the president of the United States wishes to speak to the governors of the various states. He has telephone connections made with the office of every governor in the United States. They all have the receivers to their ears, listening. He speaks, and every one of them hears the same message at practically the "same moment. Knowing the president, they recognize his voice. He is in a way present with every one of them. He is speaking to every one. If there could be connected with the telephone a telephote, which when perfected, it is believed, will project a picture of the one speaking, any reasonable distance, the president would appear to each one of these who are talking with him. This is what men hope to secure. Wireless telephony furnishes us a better example still. Wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony have been known to God and practiced between Him and His children for ages.**
- If mortal, finite man can do such things as outlined above, what cannot the infinite God do! **When Jesus was here upon the earth, His personality could be present in only one place at a time.** His disciples could not comprehend any power beyond that. Even those who loved Him so intensely as did Martha and Mary, said, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." **They could not grasp the idea that He could exercise power apart from His immediate personal presence.** It was left for a Roman centurion to seize the truth. He said, "I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof ; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed." **He could understand that Christ had power which could be exercised at a distance.** And Jesus said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."
- 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 i6: 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 every one, wherever that one was—with Paul in Athens, Peter in Jerusalem, Matthew 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 here? Why not know that that 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?**
- **Personality. The term personality refers to an individual or being. However, on a divine level it is recognized in this thesis that the term personality does not necessarily include form or body** [Christy Mathewson Taylor August 1953 - The Doctrine of the Personality of the Holy Spirit as Taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church up to 1900 pg. 2]
- **The Holy Ghost brings with it to every soul and in ever;" soul the presence of God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord, . \* / The Spirit is a comforter in that it brings to every child of God the presence of Father and Son, bringing them as near to living faith as tho (sic) they were bodily, personally present** [Editorial (M. C. Wilcox was the editor), If The Spirit and Body of Christ, rf Signs of the Times, , September 29, 1898, p# 614]
- The reality of the Holy Spirit was again emphasized by Joseph Clarke in 1870 when he said, **"The Spirit of God is a reality. It is as really a living reality as God himself, and is the great moving agent of God in the establishment and continuation of Christianity in the world.** [Joseph Clarke, "Be filled with the Spirit," Review, U3:13, March 10, 1874\* P« 103]
- **"Coming from the Father and the Son, it must partake of their attributes\*tr8** [J.E.. Swift, "Our Companion," Review, , July 3, 1883, p. 421] These statements almost approach acknowledgement of personality\*
- **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, "The Spirit of Christ, How Received, 11 Signs of the Times, October 26, 1891, p. 342]

- **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 shorn to be a divine influence from them both\*1** [Uriah Smith, "Nature of the Holy Spirit," Review, October 28, 1890, p. 664]
- **It comes to the believer as a person, the person of Christ Jesus, speaking of and for Him, witnessing of and for Him\* It is the life force of the Deity, by which all His works are wrought, but coming into the heart and life of the believer not only as an agency of power, but as a divine presence of love and knowledge and companionship.**
- "There is one question, which has been much controverted in the theological world upon which we have never presumed to enter. It is that of the personality of the Spirit of God. Prevailing ideas of person are very diverse, often crude, and the word is differently understood; so that unity of opinion on this point cannot be expected until all shall be able to define precisely what they mean by the word, or until all shall agree upon one particular sense in which the word shall be used. But as this agreement does not exist, it seems that a discussion of the subject cannot be profitable, especially as it is not a question of direct revelation. We have a right to be positive in our faith and our statements only when the words of Scripture are so direct as to bring the subject within the range of positive proof. We are not only willing but anxious to leave it just where the word of God leaves it. From it we learn that **the Spirit of God is that awful and mysterious power which proceeds from the throne of the universe, and which is the efficient actor of the work of creation and of redemption.**" (J. H. Waggoner, *The Spirit of God: Its Offices and Manifestations, to the End of the Christian Age*, 1877, p. 8-9)
- Of worth note would be the letters to the churches in Revelation beginning and ending, Jesus says write and then he ends hear what the spirit speaks to the churches

Christ's Greatest Gift - By Charles T. Everson

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So the boy proceeded to ask me: "What is the Holy Spirit?"

- It was not so easy to define the Holy Spirit to a boy. Doctors of theology have debated on that question for centuries, and **STILL THEY SEEM QUITE AT SEA WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE HOLY SPIRIT.** But the boy stood there waiting for the answer, so I told him that the Holy Spirit is the power or influence **BY WHICH GOD IS ABLE TO BE PRESENT EVERYWHERE AT THE SAME TIME.** But that explanation did not appeal to

him. It did not seem to mean anything to him. Then I told him that the sun is in the heavens, yet it is present all over the world by its heat and light. The fact that we enjoy the fullness of the heat and light of the sun in New York City does not prevent those who live in San Francisco from enjoying the same benefits. And so it is with God and the Spirit. **GOD DWELLS IN THE HEAVENS between the cherubim, YET HE IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE BY HIS SPIRIT.** God is not everything, and everything is not God, as some people affirm, for then God would be the very mud of the street. But **GOD IS A REAL PERSONAL BEING**, a Father who dwells in the light unto which no man can approach. 1 Timothy 6:16. **GOD IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT.**

- As the life of the body is found in the blood, so spiritual life is maintained through faith in the blood of Christ. He is our life, just as in the body our life is in the blood. He is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, just as the bone, sinew, and muscle are nourished, and the whole man built up, by the circulation of the blood through the system. **IN VITAL CONNECTION WITH CHRIST, IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIM,** is found health for the soul. It is the efficacy of the blood of Christ that supplies its every need and keeps it in a healthy condition. {RH November 23, 1897, par. 12}

### Questions and Answers

What is the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Ghost the angel Gabriel? If not, do we have any means of knowing who it is? L. E. H:

- To the first question, No. Gabriel was a servant of God, created by the Spirit, inspired by the Spirit, but not the Spirit more than any other angel of God. The angels are creatures. The power by which all things are created and wrought is the Holy Ghost, or better the Holy Spirit. **GOD'S ANGELS MINISTER HIS SPIRIT;** so do men. The whole teaching of the Bible, it seems to the writer, is that the **SPIRIT IS GOD'S GREAT LIFE, FLOWING OUT FROM HIM TO ALL PARTS OF THE UNIVERSE** in harmony with His perfect righteousness, and so connecting every part of His dominion **BY A LIVING CONSCIOUS CONNECTION.** To feebly illustrate: In the office where this is being written there are fourteen departments connected by telephone with the manager's office. Men in each department may talk with him separately: He is in a way present in that department. All the departments may be connected at once, all may hear the same message. To all departments he is personally present so far as voice and message is concerned. The current of electricity and harmony has effected the wonder. So men in harmony with God's law are everywhere vitally connected with Him; to each one is **HE MADE PRESENT BY THE PRESENCE OF HIS LIFE GIVING, KNOWLEDGE-BEARING, WISDOM-BESTOWING, LOVE IMPARTING SPIRIT.**  
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The Holy Spirit and Ministering Spirits. What is the difference between the Holy Spirit and the ministering spirits (angels), or are they the same. L. R. D.

- *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, 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. **THE SPIRIT IS THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD by which angels and all other creatures came into existence. GOD FILLS THEM WITH HIS SPIRIT, HIS LIFE, AND MAKES THEM MINISTER'S OF HIS LIFE AND POWER TO OTHERS, ESPECIALLY TO HIS PEOPLE**. He takes His consecrated people and makes them also ministers of His blessings to mankind. The angels are no more the Spirit of God than are His people. God is love. **HE IS CONSTANTLY BY HIS SPIRIT SENDING FORTH THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE**. But He will not send one blessing out to the world alone; He wants others associated with Him in the joy of giving to others. Hence He uses angels and men for all His work in this world.*

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The Holy Spirit. Do Seventh-day Adventists believe that the Holy Ghost is the third person in the Godhead, and is therefore God, as the Methodists believe, or do they believe that the Holy Spirit is only an essence or attribute? Which does the main body believe? S.

- ***IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO DEFINE THE BELIEF of the Seventh-day Adventists IN REGARD TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD. WITHOUT QUESTION THEY BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, BUT AS TO JUST HOW THAT PERSON IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IS A QUESTION THAT WE CAN NOT ANSWER FOR THE BODY. There has been NO DEFINITE, FORMULATED BELIEF REGARDING THE SPIRIT**. In broad terms Seventh-day Adventists believe the Bible and what the Bible says of the Spirit of God. WISELY they have not attempted to define just exactly what that great, infinite Power is. **THE GREAT ANXIETY OF CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO BE TO BE POSSESSED OF THE LIFE-POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT**.*

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## The Trinity.

We speak of the Trinity, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost; do we understand that the Holy Ghost, or Spirit, is a personal being as God the Father and Jesus the Son? In Christ's talk with the disciples, in John 14, He uses the personal pronoun in referring to the Comforter. J. B. J.

- **THERE ARE VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS AND DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IN REGARD TO THE MATTER.** To the mind of the writer, **THE SPIRIT IS THE LIFE OF GOD, or better, the life of the Godhead, COMMON BOTH TO THE FATHER AND THE SON. IT IS THAT WHICH MAKES DEITY EVERYWHERE PRESENT.** In Acts 2 it is spoken of as that which came into the room and filled all who were there. In the thirty-third verse Peter speaks of it as the power which Christ had poured forth. **IT IS SPOKEN OF AS A PERSON, BECAUSE BY THE SPIRIT the Father and the Son come personally to us.** In John 16: 7 Jesus tells us, "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." **JESUS WAS A PERSON LOCATED IN ONE PLACE; THE SPIRIT WAS THAT WHICH WAS SHED ABROAD among all His children, but it BROUGHT to every one of those children THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST.** So we read again, "He [the Spirit] shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall declare it unto you." <http://documents.adventistarchives.org/.../ST19080304-V34-10....>
- **THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS COMMON BOTH TO THE FATHER AND SON, "the Spirit of God," "the Spirit of Christ." IT IS THAT WHICH BRINGS BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON TO THE INDIVIDUAL,** and this is so stated in those wonderful discourses in John 14 to 16. "I will play the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He [the Father] may abide with you forever." John 14:16. Verse 17 states the Spirit "dwelleth with you, and shall be in you; " but He brings Christ, for the eighteenth verse declares, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." And again in verse 23, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him." **THEY DO THIS BY THE SPIRIT, WHICH BRINGS THEIR PRESENCE. That Spirit is said to be "poured out," "shed forth." "The Holy Spirit is the breath of the spiritual life of the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ." "It is thru the Spirit that Christ dwells in us, and the Spirit of God received in the heart by faith is the beginning of the life eternal."** The expression, the "Godhead bodily," is found in Col. 2:9. It simply means that dwelling in the flesh of . Jesus Christ was all the power of the Godhead; simply an equivalent of chapter 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fulness dwell." <http://documents.adventistarchives.org/.../ST19080520-V34-21....>

The Angel Gabriel Please give us a little light on Dan. 8:15, 16; 9:21-23; Luke 1:19. A Bible study before me on the Personality of the Holy Spirit cites these texts as evidence that it is Gabriel who occupies the place from which Satan fell. Ezekiel 28:11-16. A. C. C.

- We do not know what the endeavor to prove that Gabriel occupies the place once occupied by Satan, has to do with the personality of the Holy Spirit. All that the passages in question reveal to us is that Gabriel was sent to Daniel with instructions from Christ, and to Zacharias with instructions concerning his son John. They teach us this and nothing more. The same angel appears to us in the Revelation, and is called Christ's angel, whom He sent unto John, a fellow servant with the prophets of the past. Rev. 1:1-3; 22:8, 9. We do not believe that the place occupied by Satan has yet been filled, and there seems every reason to believe that it will not be until the great problem of sin is settled and all strife is banished from God's universe; then the one to whom it belongs will be, given the position. If it is designed to imply by this question 'that Gabriel is the Holy Spirit, we can only say this,— **that GOD PLACES HIS SPIRIT UPON HIS ANGELS as He does upon human beings, and the angels in that way become the bearers of the blessings of God's Spirit even as do human beings become the bearers of the blessings.** The whole thing is expressed when Gabriel addressing John speaks of himself as a fellow servant with John.

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### Personality of the Holy Spirit

Please explain in the Question Corner

John 16:7, 13. Is the Holy Spirit a personality I Are the words "him" and "he" masculine pronouns/ Please explain what the meaning of the Holy Ghost is in 2 Peter 1:21.

- The pronouns in the above question are, of course, in the English, masculine pronouns, but they do not have the same distinction in the Greek. For instance the term "he" in verse 13, is in the original *ekeinos*, which is not a pronoun, but a pronominal adjective, properly translated "that." It is used in Matt. 17:27 referring to the Roman coin which was used to pay temple taxes. That which really has no gender at all, but which is noted as being strong and big, is spoken of as masculine; while things of a softer, gentler nature are spoken of as feminine. That same distinction is to quite an extent observed in the English language also. We speak of a battleship as a "man-of-war;" we speak of an ordinary ship as "she." No argument could be based on the gender of the pronouns used of the Holy Spirit. **To the mind of the writer, the Holy Spirit is a personality in the sense that it makes present the personality of both Father and Son.** We can not explain it, because we can not comprehend it. **It is that which is represented as proceeding forth from both Father and Son, and common to both Father and Son; that which makes Father and Son one, and that life which connects Jesus with all His true disciples wherever they may be. It is not a personality in the sense in which Jess was a personality when here upon earth; because if that had been the case it would not have been expedient for Him to go away** (John 16:7), because He in His personality could be in only one

place at a time, but the Spirit could be everywhere, as \*implied in Psalm 139, "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?" But there is this power with the Spirit of making Christ, or the Father, present everywhere at all times in response to faith. **We have a very weak illustration of this in the telephone and in later inventions, by which a manager in his office, for instance — that office covering a half mile of territory, which could be enlarged to an almost unlimited extent — can call every foreman in every department to any number, and talk with them all at the same time, just as tho he were present with each one. That invention has the power to make that manager personally present in each department. That in a limited way shows how it is that the Holy Spirit can make Christ 'present in all parts of His great dominion at the same time,— just as truly present as tho He were in His own personality present.**

- The expression in 1 Peter 1:21 would be better rendered "Holy Spirit," and so all through the New Testament. The common rendering has led some to believe that Holy Ghost was different from Holy Spirit, but the original word is the same. Its use in the text simply shows the operation of the power of God upon men that wrought for Him; men who yielded themselves to God, and God used them in giving His Word. The same thing is expressed in different language in 1 Peter 1:11: "**The Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified.**" And in 2 Sam. 23:2: "The Spirit of Jehovah spake by me, and His word was upon my tongue." It is a blessed, comforting thought that God can by His Spirit be present with His children; and this is what Jesus declares in John: "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He [the Father] may abide with you forever." "If a man love Me, he will keep my words: and My Father will love him, and We [Father and Son] will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:16, 23. **How do They come and make Their abode with a believer? — They do this by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Here is another thought from the Editors of Signs of the Times  
**Signs of the Times March 8, 1910: The Personality of the Holy Spirit**

- **THE wonderful, blessed grace of the Holy Spirit is that it makes God present with the believer, wherever he may be, or howsoever many he may be. In His incarnation Jesus could be present in only one place at a time. His disciples did not have the faith to grasp that His power reached beyond His personal presence. "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," was an expression of their general faith. The Roman centurion who declared that he was unworthy that Jesus should come under his roof, to heal his servant,— nor was it necessary, if Jesus should come, He had but to speak the word,— grasped the larger thought which was yet dark to the disciples. Therefore it was "expedient," necessary, for the faith of the disciples, that Jesus in His human, bodily presence should go away.**

- But Jesus did not leave them alone. His promise was, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come unto you." Again, "If a man love Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We [the Father and the Son] will come unto him, and make Our abode with him." How this is accomplished is thus stated: "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He [the Father] may abide with you forever." Therefore no one ever saw a person of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit witnesses of Christ, and takes of the things of Christ and declares them to the believer. (For the above quotations and references, see John 14, 15, 16.)
- **The Spirit, the great life of God, through Jesus Christ has the power of making personally present both the Father and the Son; and this as literally to each believing soul tho worlds apart. Man has a faint illustration of this wonderful truth in the wireless telephone and TELEGRAPH. These instruments make the voice or the message of the speaker or sender, everywhere present as far as its power extends. By His Spirit God becomes everywhere present in His universe, and especially so to the hearts of His children who are in perfect harmony with Him.**

Portion of the following article:

**Christian Science and Pantheism - L. A. Reed**

**Signs of the Times – February 8, 1910**

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To bolster up the Christian Science (and it is also the pantheistic) idea that God is everywhere, Mr. Farlow quotes Ps. 139:8-10. But in the verse that introduces this statement of the psalmist, which Mr. Farlow does not quote, we have the expression:

- "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?" This question the psalmist then answers in the words quoted by Mr. Farlow:
- "If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy hand lead me, And Thy right hand shall hold me." This shows us at once how we are to understand this scripture. **We are to understand that GOD IS OMNIPRESENT BY HIS SPIRIT.** This is exactly in accordance with the teaching of Christ over and over again:
- "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever. ...I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you." John 14:16, 18. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, **which proceedeth from the Father,** He shall bear witness of Me." John 15:26. **'For through Him**

***we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father."*** Eph. 2:18. To say that God has form is not to say per se that He is finite. ***I CAN IN A MEASURE PROJECT MY PERSONALITY OUT FROM BEYOND MY BODY. For example, these lines I am now writing in the quiet of the editorial rooms, will be read by hundreds far from sight or sound of him who wrote them. With the telephone I have talked across a state. With my voice I have reached hundreds in a room or a pavilion or in the open air. Where I can project my personality feebly and imperfectly, GOD CAN PROJECT, THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, HIS PERSONALITY FULLY AND PERFECTLY.***

Article is followed by this small excerpt:

#### **God's Presence in His Word**

- **GOD'S presence cleanses from sin.** *When our Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush and to Joshua as the Captain of the Lord's host, His Presence made the ground holy. Ex. 3:5; Joshua 5:15. Mount Sinai was made holy by the same Presence, and it seemed to sinful Israel as a consuming fire, but it only consumes sin. GOD'S LIVING PRESENCE IN HIS WORD GIVES IT POWER to cleanse whoever receives it. Jesus spoke, and the leper was cleansed. Matt. 8:3. He said to the disciples: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3. He cleanses His church "with the washing of water by the Word." Eph. 5:26. Let God's Word reign in the heart, and it will purify and sanctify the life.*

Questions in relation to the Spirit in us:

Is Christ in spirit form (a literal spirit presence/spirit being) in us? If so is that pantheistic like in nature or not? Or is Christ in us by Spirit being in His word as we receive His word?

George W. Shone, Review & Herald May 30, 1929 "The Christ of the Bible" (Conclusion)

- ***The word of God received into the heart, to control and mold the life, is receiving Christ to dwell in the heart, directing the life in everything; for Christ is the Word that was from the beginning. When we thus receive Christ in His word to dwell in us, we receive power, omnipotent power, to save and keep us from all the power of Satan; in other words, to keep us from sinning.*** "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed [word, 1 Peter 1:23] remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9.

#### **The Power of the Spirit by Prof L. A. Reed Signs of the Times – March 8, 1910**

- *In the first chapter of Genesis we read the record of the creation, and as a part of the record, these words, "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The word "moved" comes from a Hebrew word, "to flutter," or*

"brood." It gives us the idea of energy, of vibratory power, of life-producing impulse.

- **"By the Word of the Lord,"** we are told, "were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." "The breath of His mouth" is but another expression for the Spirit of God; and in this poetic repetition we find that the **Word states the work and the Spirit supplies the energy.** Or as another scripture gives it, His Word "it hath commanded, and His Spirit it hath gathered them." Or as Christ formulated it, **"The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."** In the book of Job we read, "By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens."
- At creation, when God said, "Let there be light," there was light; perfect obedience on the part of nature in responding to the perfect Word of God. "He spake, and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast." Ps. 33:9. In a similar manner when Daniel, weak, without strength, and without bread, as the record reads, stood before the angel, "then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he spake unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me." Dan. 10: 18, 19.

### **The Mighty Word**

- **This is always the operation of the Word of God. THE MIGHT OF GOD RESIDES IN THAT WORD, and WHEN OBEYED THERE IS IN THAT WORD ALL THE POWER,** all the might necessary to carry out that Word. Consequently when God says, "Be joyful and rejoice evermore," in the command is the power to make it true. All it needs on our part is faith to obey it. As Paul says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Rom. 8:2. And this is the law of its operation.
- Of God's Word, the following statement is made: He "calleth those things which be not as tho they were." God can do this and yet not lie, for the simple reason that when He calls a thing which is not as tho it were, it immediately obeys and is all that He said of it. **GOD'S COMMANDMENTS MAKES TRUE THE THINGS HE COMMANDS.** Everything that God wills is contained in His Word, and when the Word speaks that thing, that thing then must exist. **THERE IS ONE EXCEPTION. GOD REFUSES TO INVADE THE WILL OF MAN.** He allows every man to choose for himself whether the Word shall prevail in his life or not; therefore it is necessary for you and me to say the power of God's Word shall operate in the life or not. If you say it shall, then it will, for all power in heaven and earth is back of it; yes, is in it, to make it prevail, to make it be indeed exactly what it is, everywhere and always the almighty Word of God.

### **Not a Theory**

- And so when Christ entered the upper chamber, **and breathed upon His disciples, and said, "Peace be unto you," it was something more than a mere formality. He was giving a peace not as the world gives, but a condition of mind' that the world could neither give nor take away; and "great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them."**
- **THE WORD NOT ONLY GAVE EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD, BUT IT STILL MAINTAINS THE WORLD;** it still upholds it. Heb. 1:3. And this world will stand until the time when God's Word shall shake the heavens and the earth, and that shaking will remove everything that is not in accordance with the pure Word of God. Heb. 12:26-29. When that great shaking takes place, the assurance to the believer is that there shall remain a kingdom which can not be shaken, a kingdom that can not be moved ; and the consolation to the Christian is as stated in the Word, "Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that can not be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well pleasing to God with reverence and awe." Verse 28.
- "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." **THIS IS THE POWER which is for every child that trusts in the Lord. IT IS THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD; IT IS THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT. It is the power that built this world; it is the power that still upholds this world; it is the power that will bring in the new kingdom, the everlasting inheritance; and it is this same power that immortalizes God's children, and causes them who do the will of God to abide forever.**

### **READING OF PERNICIOUS LITERATURE BY D. H. KRESS, M.D.**

Bible Echo – December 15, 1902

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- **In reading and studying God's word that word becomes a part of us. The word is unconsciously made flesh, and we live it. We become living epistles, known and read of all men. Men will see the word of God in living characters in God's people... That is why God desires to write His law, or word, in our minds, that 'we may delight to do His will.....It is the SPIRIT OF CHRIST THAT IS IN GOD'S WORD THAT GIVES LIFE. We partake of this Spirit as we read His word...Immediately after this article is an excerpt:**
- "Eternal life,' as defined by Christ in His intercessory prayer, consists in the knowledge of God the Father as the only true God,' and of Jesus Christ Himself whom God had sent. John 17:3. The saving knowledge of Christ is the saving knowledge of God. These two forms of knowledge are essentially the same."

## NATURE OF THE WORD OF GOD - J. HANKINS

Present Truth July 28, 1892

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- Paul says, " All Scripture is given by inspiration of God " ; and Peter tells us that " holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and explains in another place, **identifying the Holy Ghost with the "Spirit of Christ which was in them,"—the prophets,** --1 Pet. i. 11, 12. **Thus we learn that the Spirit of Christ is in the Word. ...When the word of God is received into the heart by living faith, Christ is received, eternal life is received; for in Christ is our life, and He says: " The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."** John vi. 63.

This is interesting more so coming from non-seventh day Adventist authors

"'The gospel is no mere book,' said he [Napoleon] at another time, 'but a living creature, with a vigor, a power, which conquers all that opposes it. Here lies the Book of books upon the table [touching it reverently]; I do not tire of reading it, and do so daily with equal pleasure. The soul, charmed with the beauty of the gospel, is no longer its own: God possesses it entirely: He directs its thoughts and faculties; it is His. What a proof of the divinity of Jesus Christ! Yet in this absolute sovereignty He has but one aim—the spiritual perfection of the individual, the purification of his conscience, his union with what is true, the salvation of his soul. Men wonder at the conquests of Alexander, but here is a conqueror who draws men to Himself for their highest good; who unites to Himself, incorporates into Himself, not a nation, but the whole human race!'"—"Scripture of Truth," Sidney Collett, "The Life and Words of Christ," Cunningham Geikie, pages 2, 3.

## Perennial Freshness of The Bible

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- **The Bible differs radically from all other books in its perpetual freshness.** This characteristic will be recognized only by those who know the Book in that intimate way which comes from living with it, as with a member of one's family. I mention it first because it was one of the first unique properties of the Bible which impressed me after I began to read it as a believer in Christ. It is a very remarkable fact that the Bible never becomes exhausted, never acquires sameness, never diminishes in its power of responsiveness to the quickened soul who comes to it. The most familiar passages yield as much (if not more) refreshment at the thousandth perusal, as at the first. **It is as indeed a fountain of living water. The fountain is the same, but the water is always fresh, and**

*always refreshing.....If the Word of God may be compared in this particular to a living person, the books of Men, maybe compared to pictures of statues of living persons. However beautifully or artistically executed, a single view may readily exhaust the latter, and a second and third look will be mere repetitions. The difference is that which exists between the living and the dead. The Word of God is living. But while the Bible is in this important respect a living person, who is our familiar, sympathetic, and responsive companion, it differs from such a human companion in that the counsel, comfort, and support, it furnishes are far above and beyond- what any human being can supply and the only explanation of this is that, the source of all its power is not human, but divine.—Philip Mauro.*

Compare with Ellen White

- Let every youth consider the parable of the ten virgins. All had lamps, that is, an outward semblance of religion; but only five of them had the inward piety. Five of them were wanting in the **oil of grace**. **The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, THE HOLY SPIRIT**, was not abiding in their hearts. Without the oil of grace, of what use was it to bear about a lamp of profession? However high may be the profession, however high may be the position held by a professor of religion, if the oil of grace is wanting, he has nothing with which to feed his lamp, and it cannot send forth clear, shining rays of light. {YI, September 20, 1894 par. 4}
- Some seem to feel that they must be on probation, and must prove to the Lord that they are reformed, before they can claim His blessing. But they may claim the blessing of God even now. **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. We may come with all our weakness, our folly, our sinfulness, and fall at His feet in penitence. It is His glory to encircle us in the arms of His love and to bind up our wounds, to cleanse us from all impurity. {SC 52.2}
- Read and study the fourth chapter of Zechariah. The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl, from which the lamps of the sanctuary are fed. **The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil God's ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to the church.** "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." God's servants can obtain victories only by inward purity, by cleanness of heart, by holiness. {RH, December 22, 1904 par. 7}
- **The anointed ones** standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. **By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth.** The golden oil **represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied**, that they shall

not flicker and go out. **Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6}

- **As you receive the Spirit of Christ**--the Spirit of unselfish love and labor for others--you will grow and **bring forth fruit. The graces of the Spirit will ripen in your character.** Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect. More and more you will **reflect the likeness of Christ in all that is pure, noble, and lovely.** {COL 67.3}
- **Only by the aid of that Spirit WHO in the beginning "was brooding upon the face of the waters;" of that Word by whom "all things were made;" of that "true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," can the testimony of science be rightly interpreted. Only by THEIR GUIDANCE can its deepest truths be discerned.** {Ed 134.4}

The Power of God That Saves from Sin

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A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS

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- **The gospel is power. It is more than a standard, and more than a plan. It is a living force.** Within its sphere the gospel acts. It produces very definite and well-known effects wherever it finds its way unobstructed... Surely, here is a power as great as, and more mysterious than, some of the natural forces with which we are familiar. **It is divine in every sense of the word. It is a power of God. The gospel is a living, quickening thing...** The gospel also is a power, but its sphere is the heart of man. It is "unto salvation," and is "unto every one that believeth."
- **The gospel is the only power which God has ordained to operate in the sphere of human conduct, to direct man's thoughts, words, and actions in harmony with his perfect standard...This is more than interesting; it is vital.** Our salvation depends upon our relation to this invisible but divine power. Our victory over besetments, freedom from sin, and eternal life, all depend on whether we receive this power into our life, or whether we merely recognize the high standard, without being able to attain to it. We must know how to receive this power and have it operating in our life. Where can we find it? How can we receive and apply it? Our text tells us that this power is manifest in those who believe. It is a question of faith. **By the gospel the divine righteousness is made known to him who has faith.** But whence this faith? How can we get faith to receive this righteousness which is worked out in us by the power of God unto salvation?

- Faith comes by hearing (receiving) the word of God. Rom. 10:17. It is within the reach of all, for all can hear. Then faith, the instrument for receiving so great salvation, is within the reach of the poor as well as the rich. Now this word is of a very rare nature. It is a living word. (See Heb. 4:12 ; John 6:63.) **Our word is not living; but the word of God is living, and it lives forever. This word called the worlds into existence.** By it all things are upheld, from the tiniest atom to the mightiest sun. The stormy sea respects this word. Sicknes flees at its command. Even death is made to loosen its grip when. this word calls a dead Lazarus. **Surely, a faith born of such a living word is more than a belief in a code of morals. It is a union of the Author of power with the most helpless of humanity, who has been hypnotized by Satan into doing and believing whatever the master hypnotist wills.**
- Truly, the possibilities of such a faith are beyond estimate. It helps us to see things more as God sees them. Sin becomes less attractive, then hideous, and finally loses its control over us. Sin can control us only when we walk in our own strength, for it is stronger than we. **But God's living word in us. overcomes sin, being stronger than sin. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation from sin. It liberates us from the bondage of sin. But not all become free. The word is effective in those who have faith. Then we must not resist the word. As it comes to us, we must yield our ways, our thoughts, and our words. Faith replaces vain thoughts with views of the new life and eternal things; vain words become obsolete in the vocabulary of the one who has faith, and a new song is put into his mouth, and the weeds of selfishness are uprooted from the field of action to give place for the fruits of his Spirit to be manifest. "Faith... worketh by love." Gal, 5:6.**
- Not that we change our mode of thinking and doing in order to be saved, but if we **experience the blessings of this text, the word is written in our heart**, and becomes the means by which God's power takes hold of us and saves us from sin, so we will no longer be compelled to do those things which are wrong. We do not become good in order to be saved, but we do good and are good because we are saved. **The word gives us victory over sin. We feed on the living word until our strength is so far renewed that we can say No to temptation in case we find it impossible to avoid the monster.** As the young athlete gives attention to his food and exercise until he is able to perform that which to him was before impossible, **so we too may feed upon the word, study it, assimilate it, until it becomes a part of our very being, and sin will find itself defeated.** Then it is God that worketh in us to will and to do his good pleasure. **This was the gospel preached by the psalmist when, he said, " Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps, 119:11.**
- Though we resist sin in sincerity, if we resist in our own strength we shall fail. It is not sincerity, but faith, that gives victory. "This is the victory that

overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4. **And faith comes by hearing the word of God. Then if we find sin swaying us, and making inroads on our Christian experience, let us hide that living word in our heart, feed abundantly upon it, yield to it, until we receive its impress and become fashioned after the divine similitude, with complete victory over sin. Only then are we true witnesses to the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.**

**WORDS THAT LIVE AND ACT: Editorial - A. O. Tait, A. L. Baker  
Signs of the Times – September 18, 1928**

- Every individual born into the world has convictions at some time in his life in regard to the power of God and the truth of His living word...**"The word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword." This is a statement of a definite truth, whether we believe it or not. God's word is both life and power; it is in itself living and active, and it works definitely in minds and hearts where it is allowed its wonted freedom.**
- Just to look at the Bible casually, just to read it cursorily; we may find the question rising in our minds, Wherein does it have life and activity? How are the words of the Bible different from the same words that we find in other books? **These words are used by the living God, and are become a part of His living word ; and in the particular setting of His word they both live and act.**
- But the trouble with so many of us is that we take the Bible to the dissecting table, trying to analyze and dissect it ; and, because in this analytical and dissecting spirit we do not see the **living, active power of the Bible**, we at once say that there is nothing to it....But the individual who comes to the **word of God without being willing to trust in its living power**, starts in to analyze it and to dissect it, and, to his own satisfaction, he believes that he has discovered that there is no life or power in it. But the trouble is not with the Bible, but with the individual himself. He is working under an incubus created by the imaginings of his own mind, and fails to see the life in the word of God simply because he refuses to see it, and not because of any failure in the Book itself. The life is there, and thousands can testify to its living power and to what is accomplished through faith in these living words...**The living words of God will be fulfilled in every promise and in every precept, and they are ours to enjoy if we will but receive them.**

**Spiritual Power the Basis of Christian Success: A. O. Tait  
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- **The power of the enemy must be met by the power of God, and the power of God is imparted to us by His Spirit.** For the text says, "Ye

shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Then what we need above everything else to give us success in God's work is power — **the power of the Holy Spirit.**

- **God's Spirit comes to us as a gift.** "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13. In giving us His Son our Father gave us His Spirit, also. The one gift accompanies the other; and He wants us to ask for His Spirit, and He will give it to us. We ask for many things of lesser importance in our prayers; but do we realize that the gift most to be desired is the gift of the Spirit of God? And we may have this gift for the asking when we earnestly come to God in His way.
- **God's word is filled with His Spirit, and consequently is also freighted with power, because of the Spirit that is in that Word.** "For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.
- **The word of God is made powerful to us through His Spirit; for the Spirit brings the Word to our mind, and impresses it upon us with new power and strength.** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26. **It is the Comforter that brings the words of God into our minds just when you need to have them to meet temptations, to drive away discouragements, to energize us for success.**
- "As man uses his talents, however small, with faithfulness, the Holy Spirit takes the things of God, and presents them anew to the mind. Through His Spirit God makes His word a vivifying power. It is quick and powerful, exerting a strong influence upon minds, not because of the learning or intelligence of the human agent, but because divine power is working with the human power. And it is to the divine power that all praise is to be given."—"Testimonies," volume 8, page 55.
- **It is clear that God's Spirit works most in minds that are filled most with His word, for it is through the Word that the Spirit works. One of its greatest offices is to bring that Word into our minds anew and with greater power and force. Then seeking the power of the Spirit can not be separated from diligent, thoughtful Bible study.** And may we not ask, If our lives are powerless and barren, if we are failing to win success, is there not a good reason for it? **We do not reverently study His word, and we do not ask Him for His Spirit in order that we may have power.** The greatest and most difficult tasks may be performed successfully and strongly by the one who is used by the **mighty power of the Spirit of God.**

## The Inspired Book by Asa Oscar Tait

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- **The Scripture is "inspired" of God. The word here translated "inspired" is derived from two Greek words which signify God-breathed. And one of these two words is the root from which spirit is obtained. Then the Word of God has the breathing of His own Spirit, with all of its great significance, right in the very words themselves.**
- *Is it any surprise, then, when we find that Word saying of itself, " The Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Heb. 4:12, 13, R.V.*

### A Living Word

- **This text says that God's Word is "living." It has actual life in it. And why should it not have, since it is the very life breathing of Him who is the fountain of life? The text also says that the Word of God is "active." And certainly anyone can see that it must act since it is clothed with life.** Then it must be clear that anyone who actually knows from his own experience that the Bible is inspired has **felt the force of the life and activity in that Word.** It is possible for men to have many theories in regard to the inspiration of the Bible, but only the one who has actually felt the activity and power of the life that is in the Word of God has a real definite knowledge of the origin of the divine Book.
- *It is the desire to get the reader to go much deeper than to make assent in only a general way that the Bible is inspired. Perhaps your father and mother are Christians, and they have taught you that the Bible is the Book of God. You have believed this because they told you so, but have not experienced the sensation of **actual spiritual power imparted to you through that Word. You have not touched the Life-spring, and felt the active force of the words of the Infinite.....And so it is with him who has experienced the workings of the living, active, God-breathed words of the divine Book.** His actual experiences have led him beyond mere theories about the inspiration of the Bible, and he is resting on a solid foundation of definite knowledge. He knows the inspiration that comes alone from the one Source of life and power. **The currents of active life that are in the Word have taken hold of his mind and directed his steps and sustained him in ways of righteousness. Having had these experiences with the Word of God, the person speaks and acts with the confidence that is based on definite knowledge. The God-breathed, the inspired Word has taken a definite place in his mind.***

*The fog of doubt and mysticism has been left behind. He is standing in the clear light of personal contact and personal acquaintance with God. Like his Master of old, he speaks as "one having authority, and not as the scribes."*

This is the faith of the first and second generation Adventists belief on the Holy Spirit. There was no mincing of words and mysticism of what was handed to them. Of what has happened to this generation? Can we deny this?

- *Judges 2:10: **And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.***

Truth sanctifies John 17:17, error in turn does not Isaiah 8:20. We should ask ourselves why we give allegiance to doctrines that have no scriptural basis and contend them to the extent of censuring those who do not ascribe to them even though they are but mere conjectures and suppositions. May the Lord anoint our eyes afresh with eye salve that our eyesight maybe restored and it may be truly said we believe the words of Christ. It's only those that had sight that can be truly say when they start to see that their sight has been recovered but still Laodicea refuses the true diagnosis of her condition. We have been so much waiting for the latter rain but the bible tells us it will not come, in fact it cannot come for we don't know what it is for we are ascribing to it what it is not:

- *Jeremiah 3:3: **Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.***
- *Deuteronomy 32:1: Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2: **My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:***

If the latter rain is the breath of God, the power of God in his word, the spirit ministered by his angels and servants, the life of God and his Son, how do we expect to receive it when we are saying it is a mysterious being part of the 3 in 1 God and others saying it is a third being in them without a physical form? Surely may we awake when it is not too late.

**God bless**