

WHO or WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

BOOK 8

**Is the Holy Spirit another separate
personal God?**

The Holy spirit

Current SDA church perspective

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Bible and spirit of prophecy

What IS THE NAME OF the Holy spirit?

Jesus Father's name
LORD
 appear 6,519 times

According to Strong's Bible Concordance, the Father's name (translated as **LORD** in KJV) given in Hebrew is **Yĕhovah**, pronounced, "yeh-hō-vă". This is a vocalization of the Tetragrammaton, more commonly referred to as Jehovah which is an anglicized representation of Hebrew יהוה-YHWH).

Strong's Number H3068 matches the Hebrew יהוה (Yĕhovah), which occurs **6519** times in **5521 verses** in the Hebrew concordance of the KJV.

Son of God name
Jesus Christ
 appear 1,541 times

The name "**Jesus**" comes from the Greek name "**iesous**", a rendition of the Hebrew **Yeshua** (ישוע) but if you look up Iēsous in the Strong's Concordance, it has its origin in Hebrew which is, יהושוע Yĕhowshuwa` (yeh-hō-shü'-ah; Strong's H3091). So the Messiah's original name in Hebrew is **Yĕhowshuwa**. ("and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**" Matthew 1:21).

Holy Ghost name
 does not appear
 "No name"

Holy spirit is translated as the Holy Ghost only in the New Testament. It appears 90 times in the New Testament only. **Strong's G4151: "GHOST" = 'Pneuma'**

Strong's Definitions: πνεῦμα **pneûma**, pnyoo'-mah; from G4154; **a current of air, i.e. breath** (blast) or **a breeze**;

How is it that the Holy Spirit doesn't have a name, as does the Father and the Son?

The Holy spirit is

1. "And when he had said this, he **BREATHED ON THEM**, and saith unto them, **RECEIVE YE THE HOLY SPIRIT**: (John 20:22) "Now **THE LORD IS THAT SPIRIT**: and where **the Spirit of the Lord is**, there is liberty". (2 Corinthians 3:17)
2. "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of **THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST**," (Philippians 1:19)
3. "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." (1 Peter 1:11)
4. "Now if any man have not **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST** he is none of his". (Romans 8:9)
5. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. (Galatians 4:6)
6. "But God hath revealed them unto us **BY HIS SPIRIT**: for **the Spirit** searcheth all things, yea, **the deep things of God**." (1 Corinthians 2:10)
7. "**THE SPIRIT ITSELF** beareth witness **with our spirit**, that we are **the children of God**:" (Romans 8:26)
8. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of **THE HOLY GHOST which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1Co 6:19)

- In all the writing of the disciples in the new testament books, they exactly knew who the Holy Ghost was/is. They knew the Holy spirit was not a literal person, nor God, for Jesus had breathed on them and said "receive ye the Holy spirit". JESUS DID NOT BREATHE ON THEM ANOTHER BEING. THEY ALSO TESTIFIED THEY DID NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER PERSONAL BEING. Secondly, when they were instructed to tarry at Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Holy spirit, Apostle Peter writes that on that day of Pentecost, "they heard a sound of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:2-2). It is not another literal being that came into them.

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST

What/Who is the Holy spirit?

Part 1 of 2

NOTE THE WORDS: *Shall give you another Comforter >> Even the Spirit of truth >> but ye know him >> for he dwelleth with >> I will come to you >> Yet a little while ye see me >> the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost >> I go away, and come again unto you.*



HOLY SPIRIT is Jesus Christ himself

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷ **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. ¹⁹ **Yet a little while**, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

²⁶ 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. ²⁹ Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: For my father is greater than I. (John 14:16-19, 26,29)

HOLY SPIRIT is Christ in me

- A. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: Galatians 2:20
- B. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father
- C. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- D. .. if so be that the **Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have **not the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. Romans 8:9-10

HOLY SPIRIT is the Lord

1. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
2. "Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? Isaiah 40:13
3. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17

HOLY SPIRIT is Jesus Christ

1. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13)
2. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". (John 14:6)

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HOLY SPIRIT is Jesus himself

“BREATH OF JESUS”

- A. *[Jesus]* “And when he had said this, he **BREATHED ON THEM**, and saith unto them, **RECEIVE YE THE HOLY SPIRIT**: (John 20:22)
- B. “Now **THE LORD IS THAT SPIRIT**: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

HOLY SPIRIT is the breath of Life

“BREATH OF LORD”

- A. “And the **LORD God** formed man of the dust of the ground, (Genesis 2:7)

How did He create man?

- A. “**THE SPIRIT OF GOD** hath made me, and **THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY** hath given me LIFE. (Job 33:4)
- B. *(He)*. **BREATHED INTO** his nostrils **THE BREATH OF LIFE**; and man became a **living soul**. Genesis 2:7)

HOLY SPIRIT is the Spoken Word of God

“BREATH OF HIS MOUTH”

- A. “In the beginning **GOD CREATED** the heaven and the earth”. (Genesis 1:1.)

How did He create them?

- B. “By the **word of the LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by **THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH**”.... “**FOR HE SPAKE, and it was done**; he **commanded**, and it stood fast.” (Psalms 33:6. and Psalms 33:9).

HOLY SPIRIT is the mind of Christ

- A. “For who hath known **the mind of the Lord**? Or who hath been his counsellor? (Romans 11:34)
- B. For who hath **known the mind of the Lord**, that he may instruct him? But we have the **mind of Christ**. 1 Corinthians 2:12, 16

Is there “God the Holy spirit” in the bible?

Preposition “of”

Spirit “OF”

- expressing the **relationship between a part and a whole.**
- used to show **possession, belonging, or origin:**

Spirit belonging to GOD

1. “Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the **SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.” (2Corinthians 3:3)
2. “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by **THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**.” (2Cori 3:18)
3. “**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD** is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;” (Isaiah 61:1)
4. “For it is not ye that speak, but **THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER** which speaketh in you. (Matt 10:20)
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Same Spirit belonging to JESUS CHRIST

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- B. “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.” (1Peter 1:11)
- C. “...Now if any man have not **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST** he is none of his”. (Romans 8:9)
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GOD and his Son JESUS CHRIST shares between them one Spirit (one mind)
Believers too share one Spirit – they have the Spirit/mind of Jesus

*The bible never call the Holy spirit “God the Holy spirit” as trinitarians do. It is always
“the Spirit of God” because that is what it is.*

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

the **spirit of prophesy**

15 Quotes of Ellen G. WHITE identifying who the holy Spirit is;

EGW Quote 1:

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

EGW Quote 2:

"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." — (Letter to Prescott W.W. E.G. White, Lt66, April 10, 1894)

EGW Quote 3:

"JESUS comes to you as the SPIRIT OF TRUTH; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way." — (E.G. White, 2MR 337.1)

EGW Quote 4:

"CHRIST is to be known by the BLESSED NAME OF COMFORTER. "The Comforter," said Christ to His disciples, "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 quoted]" — (E.G. White, Ms7-1902, Jan 26, 1902)

EGW Quote 5:

"The SAVIOUR [CHRIST] IS OUR COMFORTER. This I have proved Him to be." — (E.G. White, 8MR 49.3)

EGW Quote 6:

"There is **NO COMFORTER LIKE CHRIST,** so tender and so true. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart. . ." (RH, Oct. 26, 1897)

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the spirit of prophecy

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EGW Quote 7

“CHRIST has left HIS Holy Spirit to be HIS REPRESENTATIVE in the world, to give celestial aid to every hungering, thirsting soul.” — (E.G. White, Lt84, Oct 22, 1895)

EGW Quote 8

“When God’s people search the Scriptures with a desire to know what is truth, JESUS is present in the PERSON of HIS REPRESENTATIVE, the HOLY SPIRIT, reviving the hearts of the humble and contrite ones.” — (E.G. White, 12MR 145.2, 1898)

EGW Quote 9

“Though the ministration was to be REMOVED FROM THE EARTHLY TO THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE; though the sanctuary and our great high priest would be INVISIBLE TO HUMAN SIGHT, yet the disciples were to suffer no loss thereby. They would realize no break in their communion, and no diminution of power because of the Saviour’s absence. WHILE JESUS MINISTERS IN THE SANCTUARY ABOVE, HE IS STILL BY HIS SPIRIT THE MINISTER OF THE CHURCH ON EARTH. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but HIS PARTING PROMISE IS FULFILLED, “LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, HIS ENERGIZING PRESENCE IS STILL WITH HIS CHURCH. (DA 166.2)

EGW Quote 10

“The work of the ministry is no common work. CHRIST IS WITHDRAWN ONLY FROM THE EYE OF SENSE, BUT HE IS AS TRULY PRESENT BY HIS SPIRIT AS WHEN HE WAS VISIBLY PRESENT ON EARTH. The time that has elapsed since his ascension has BROUGHT NO INTERRUPTION IN THE FULFILLMENT OF HIS PARTING PROMISE, — “LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world.” God has provided light and truth for the world by having placed it in the keeping of faithful men, who in succession have committed it to others through all generations up to the present time. These men have derived their authority in an unbroken line from the first teachers of the faith. CHRIST REMAINS THE TRUE MINISTER OF HIS CHURCH, but HE DELEGATES HIS POWER TO HIS UNDER-SHEPHERDS, to his chosen ministers, who have the treasure of his grace in earthen vessels. God superintends the affairs of his servants, and they are placed in his work by divine appointment.” ST April 7, 1890, par. 6

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EGW Quote 11:

"We cannot be with CHRIST in person, as were His first disciples, but HE has sent HIS Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, [John 16:13 quoted]" — (EGW, Ms30, June 18, 1900)

EGW Quote 12:

"CHRIST came to our world, but the world could not endure His purity. He has gone to His Father, but HE has sent HIS Holy Spirit to REPRESENT HIM in the world till he shall come again." — (E.G. White, Ms1, Jan 11, 1897)

EGW Quote 13:

"That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. THEY WERE THINKING OF THE 'OUTWARD VISIBLE MANIFESTATION'. They could not take in the fact that they could have the presence of Christ with them, and YET HE BE UNSEEN BY THE WORLD. They did not understand the meaning of a 'SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATION.' " (E.G. White, The Southern Work, Sept. 13, 1898)

EGW Quote 14:

"There may be a similarity in moral character between believers and some unbelievers; nevertheless there is a difference between them, which the human conception does not comprehend. The difference may not always be seen, but it exists unseen by the eye of sense and unappreciated by the unconverted mind. This difference is in the state of the heart; the one has an abiding hope and faith in Jesus Christ; while the other is unmindful of God and of spiritual things. CHRIST DWELLING IN THE HEART BY FAITH IS A FORTRESS TO THE BELIEVER." Lt317a-1904.18

EGW Quote 15:

"In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world." EGW, 7T-273.

“THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD”

QUESTION: Who is the third person of the Godhead?

Who is this third person? Is He a "distinct person" or the third God in the Godhead as claimed by many who support trinity doctrine?

Many (Seventh-day Adventist) who believe in trinity argue that Ellen White was a Trinitarian for she had said, the Holy Spirit is a “Person”. But what does inspiration mean when it says “third person of the Godhead”? Who or what is this mighty agency that can help us to resist and overcome sin?

We will let the inspired words of the spirit of prophesy to answer these questions:

EGW Quote 1:

“The **HOLY SPIRIT** was the highest of all gifts that **He** could solicit from **His** Father for the exaltation of His people. **The Spirit** was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome ONLY THROUGH THE MIGHTY AGENCY OF THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.” — (E.G. White, DA, 671.2)

“Only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead”

We are told that, “*Sin could be resisted and overcome ONLY through the mighty agency of the third person of the godhead.*” (DA 671.2). If that is the case, and if the “third person” is an entirely a different being, then how is it that Christ (or His Spirit) is also described as one that helps us to resist and overcome sin? See below quotes;

EGW Quote 2:

“**CHRIST IS PRESENT BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS THIS SPIRIT THAT BRINGS CONVICTION TO HEARTS.**” {Ev 275.1}

EGW Quote 3:

“There is **NO POWER IN YOU APART FROM CHRIST**, but it is your privilege to have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and **HE can OVERCOME SIN** in you, when you cooperate with His efforts.” — (E.G. White, OHC, 76.5)

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EGW Quote 4:

“With **HIS SPIRIT CHRIST** sends a reconciling influence and **A POWER that TAKES AWAY SIN.**” — (E.G. White, RH, May 19, 1904)

EGW Quote 5:

“**JESUS ALONE** has power **TO SAVE FROM SIN**, to free from the **POWER OF EVIL**; and to doubt him who has laid down his life for us, is to grieve and insult the Father,” — (E.G. White, RH, Feb 10, 1891)

EGW Quote 6:

“The **ONLY DEFENCE AGAINST EVIL** is the **INDWELLING OF CHRIST** in the heart through faith in His righteousness.” — (E.G. White, DA, 324.1)

EGW Quote 7:

“They have **ONE** God and **ONE** Saviour; and **ONE** Spirit—**THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**—is to bring unity into their ranks.” — (E.G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

EGW Quote 8:

“**CHRIST** is the source of every right impulse. **HE IS THE ONLY ONE** that can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is an evidence that **HIS SPIRIT** is moving upon our hearts.” — SC 26.3

EGW Quote 9:

“You want that help **THAT COMES FROM CHRIST**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. You are to be a partaker of the divine nature. **THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN SAVE US. CHRIST COMES IN HIS DIVINE NATURE**, and here is every soul will be enlightened according to what you study, according to what you give the mind to feed upon.” {Ms138-1906.20}

EGW Quote 10:

“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 [Father] IN JESUS CHRIST. ONLY THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE IS THERE CLEANSING FROM SIN. HIS GRACE ALONE CAN ENABLE US TO RESIST AND SUBDUE THE TENDENCIES OF OUR FALLEN NATURE.** This power the spiritualistic theories concerning God make of no effect. If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.” — {CCh 322.8} (bracket supplied)

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EGW Quote 11:

“It is the **SPIRIT** that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are **SPIRIT**, and they are life.” **CHRIST IS NOT HERE REFERRING TO HIS DOCTRINE, BUT TO HIS PERSON, the divinity of his character.**” { E. G. White, Review and Herald , April 5, 1906 par. 12}

Question: Again, if “Sin could be resisted and overcome ONLY through the MIGHTY AGENCY of the THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD,” how is it then that “JESUS ALONE has power to save from sin, to free from the power of evil” and that “The ONLY defense against evil” is also the “INDWELLING OF CHRIST in the heart through faith in His righteousness?” (E.G. White, DA, 324.1). (Could it be that they are one and the same?)

Also consider the following statements:

EGW Quote 12:

“To all who desire to be recipients of **HIS SPIRIT, THE VIRTUE FLOWS OUT FROM CHRIST**. And it is **IN THIS WAY** that the character of God, the perfection of Christ and the Father, is brought before the world.” (RH, October 14, 1902 par. 11)

EGW Quote 13:

“It is the virtue **THAT GOES FORTH FROM CHRIST**, that leads to genuine repentance” — SC 26.2

EGW Quote 14:

“The **HOLY SPIRIT**, which **PROCEEDS FROM THE ONLY BEGOTTEN-SON**, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ.” (EGW Selected Messages book 1, p250 – 251)

EGW Quote 15:

“Then Jesus would **BREATHE UPON THEM THE HOLY GHOST**. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.” (EW 55)

Note: It is made clear from the above statements that the Holy Spirit (i.e., Third Person of the Godhead) is equated with the Spirit of Christ proceeding from Himself.

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This is not unlike how Satan breathes his unholy influence on people. “Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence.” {EW 56}.

Did Satan breathe another person? Did another person proceed out of him? Likewise, did a “Third Individual God-Being” proceed out of Jesus or jumped out of him? Does Jesus’ “breathe” a “Third God”? Or is this Third Person the very breath and spirit of Christ that He himself breathes upon the faithful?

EGW Quote 16:

“Christ determined that when He ascended from this earth He would bestow a gift on those who had believed on Him and those who should believe on Him. What gift could He bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. This gift could not be excelled. He would give all gifts in one, and therefore the divine Spirit, that converting, enlightening, and sanctifying power, would be his donation.... {ST December 1, 1898, par. 2} {6BC 1052.5}

Note: Here we find that the “third person of the Godhead” is identified as a “MIGHTY AGENCY”, “POWER OF GOD”, or Christ’s “REPRESENTATIVE”, that “CONVERTING, ENLIGHTENING, AND SANCTIFYING POWER”, which would be considered Christ’s “DONATION.”

The identity of the third person of the Godhead becomes obvious if you actually read the entire quotation taken from the same book — see below:

EGW Quote 17:

“Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the **THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **CHRIST HAS GIVEN HIS SPIRIT AS A DIVINE POWER** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” (The Desire of Ages {DA 671.2})

Thus, the Third Person of the Godhead is none other than Christ’s own Spirit given to us as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil....

WHAT DOES "GODHEAD" MEANS?

Does Godhead denote a separate head of a trinity God? Many who believe in the trinity doctrine attribute the term 'Godhead' to imply one of the three persons of the triune God. But this is not true. **GODHEAD Means DIVINITY:** According to both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings, the word "Godhead" is used as an attribute meaning "**Divinity**," "**Deity**," or "**Divine nature**."

EGW Quote 1:

"In Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead. He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. The glory of the attributes of God is expressed in His character." — *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 115.1 • EGW

EGW Quote 2:

"Christ was God manifest in the flesh; in him dwelt "all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." — *Youth's Instructor*, March 21, 1901, par. 8 • EGW

EGW Quote 3:

"The power of the Saviour's Godhead was hidden. He overcame in human nature, relying upon God for power. This is the privilege of all. In proportion to our faith will be our victory." — *Youth's Instructor*, April 25, 1901, par. 11 • EGW

EGW Quote 4:

"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. ... 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." — *Signs of the Times*, May 10, 1899, par. 11 • EGW

EGW Quote 5:

"The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world, by very simple means. It is God's plan that every part of his government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces, causing his Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe. The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit." — *E.G. White, Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10 (SpTA10)*, p. 36.3 to 37.1

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In summary

- > Godhead means divinity, deity or divine nature of Christ.
- > The third person (personage) of the Godhead (divinity) is the Holy spirit.
- > The Holy spirit is the very personality of God and Christ manifested in their omnipresence. Beyond this simple explanation, God has not revealed what exactly the Holy spirit is.

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The Identity, personality and individuality of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy spirit is revealed for us to study. The nature is not revealed. Hidden things are not for us to speculate, revealed things are for us to understand.

.....

"No human mind can comprehend God. None are to indulge in speculation regarding His nature. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion." *{Ministry of Healing p. 429}*

These statements of inspiration suggest that the nature or the workings of the holy Spirit cannot be explained precisely. No human reasoning, even of the most learned man, can define the operation of the Holy Spirit upon human minds and characters.

Ellen White tells us not to penetrate beyond which God has not revealed to us, namely, not to indulge in speculating the nature of God.

But she also stated, "The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand."

Moreover the Bible says, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" (Rom 1:20)

Ellen G. White agrees with the Scripture: "**The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each.**" (8T 268.1)

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOTHER GOD?

19 questions to Test If the Holy spirit IS a DISTINCT PERSONAL GOD

SDA Fundamental belief

#5 God the Holy Spirit

God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. **He [the holy spirit] is as much a person as are the Father and the Son.**

#2. The Trinity

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons. God [singular: now a composite of three] is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present...." [bracket and italics supplied by me]

Note the shared attributes by the trinity God: **IMMORTAL, ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING. Meaning "God the eternal Spirit" who is a separate, individual, divine person also share these attributes as the Father and Son does.**

Let's consider a few statements from the spirit of prophesy

"Christ the Word, the only-begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—**the ONLY BEING** in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God." — *The Great Controversy*, 493

"In order that the human family might have no excuse because of temptation, **Christ** became one with them. **The ONLY BEING** who was one with God lived the law in humanity..." — *ST October 14, 1897, par. 3*

"To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work **ONLY ONE BEING in all the universe could do. only he who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known.** Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2. —*Desire of Ages*, DA 22.1

According to the above statement, Christ (Sun of Righteousness) is the **only being** who could "MAKE IT KNOWN" to us the Father's love because He is the "only one being in all the universe...who knew the height and depth of the love of God."

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOTHER GOD?

19 questions to Test If the Holy spirit IS a DISTINCT PERSONAL GOD

Assume the above (see the previous page) SDA trinity beliefs are true,

Here are **19 Questions** to Test If the Holy spirit IS a DISTINCT PERSONAL GOD as claimed by those who BELIEVE In the TRINITY.

Question 1: According to SDA 28 fundamental Belief #2, “God” is defined as “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, **ALL KNOWING...**” which indicates that each member of the three persons of the godhead are omniscient. Then why is it that only Christ “knew the height and depth of the love of God? What about the other divine “being”, the Holy Spirit (who is supposed to be omniscient according to trinity)?

These statements denote only two “beings.” If the Holy Spirit was a “being” in the same sense as Christ, then why was the Holy Spirit not able to enter into all the “counsels and purposes of God”? or why is Christ the “only being who was one with God?” The conspicuous absence of the Spirit in these narratives makes the doctrine of coeternal trinity gods very questionable.

Question 2: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where God speaks to and/or expresses His love for the Holy Spirit, as He often does to His only begotten Son?

Question 3: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where God’s only begotten Son speaks to and/or expresses His love for the Holy Spirit, as He often does to His God and Father?

Question 4: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where the Holy Spirit speaks to and/or expresses His love for either God or the Son of God, as God and His Son often do towards one another?

Question 5: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where the Holy Spirit expresses His love toward us as does the Father and the Son?

Question 6: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where we are told that we will ever see and/or meet the Holy Spirit?

Question 7: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where the Holy Spirit is spoken of as sitting on a throne in heaven?

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Question 8: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where “one divine being” (which trinity claims) is said to be three persons?

Question 9: Is there one verse, anywhere in Scripture, where we find any of these terms mentioned: trinity, triune or God the Holy Spirit?

Question 10: Why does the Scripture almost always mention the Holy Spirit as a possessive pronoun/noun, as in ‘His Spirit’, His Holy Spirit’, ‘Spirit OF God’ or ‘Spirit OF Christ’?

Question 11: According to Matthew 1:20, we read, “fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

Question: If the Holy Spirit is a separate being as the trinity doctrine claims, then how is it that, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and yet Christ continually prayed to and addressed God the Father, not the Holy Spirit, as His father (Matthew 10:32-33; Matthew 11:25-27; Matthew 12:50; Matthew 15:13; Matthew 16:17; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 18:10; Matthew 18:35). Never did Christ refer to the Holy Spirit as His father.

Question 12: Galatians 4:4-6 says, “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, **GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS, CRYING, ABBA, FATHER.**”

Question: If the Holy Spirit is another deity other than Christ’s own spirit, then why would he call God the Father “Abba”? Are there two sons in the Godhead?

Question 13: Speaking of Jesus’ Second Coming, Matthew 24:36 (and Mark 13:32) tells us, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but **ONLY THE FATHER.**” When asked, “If Jesus was God (being omniscient), why did He not know when He would return? A Trinitarian may answer, “When Christ became a man, He voluntarily restricted the use of certain divine attributes... His omniscience, omnipresence, etc.”

Question still remains: Holy Spirit, according to Seventh-day Adventist 28 Fundamental Beliefs No. 2 is “all-knowing.” Then why doesn’t the Holy Spirit know, isn’t the Holy Spirit also a divine being who is omniscient as the Father? Why **ONLY** does the Father know?

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Question 14: In Matthew 11:27 it says, “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, **BUT THE FATHER**; neither knoweth any man the Father, **SAVE THE SON**, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”

Question: How is it that only the Father knows the Son and vice a versa but the Holy Spirit is excluded? It also says, “and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” Does this mean then that the Holy Spirit is also dependent on the Son to get to know the Father?

Question 15: In John 1:18 it says, “No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

Question: How is it that “no one hath seen God at any time” except the Son? Surely, if the Holy Spirit was a being and was present during the creation week as the trinity doctrine claims, then He would have certainly seen the Father.

Question 16: How is it that the Holy Spirit doesn't have a name, as does the Father and the Son?

The name “Jesus” comes from the Greek name “Iesous”, a rendition of the Hebrew Yeshua (ישוע) but if you look up Iēsous in the Strong's Concordance, it has its origin in Hebrew which is, יהושוע Yēhowshuwa` (yeh-hō-shū'·ah; Strong's H3091). So the Messiah's original name in Hebrew is Yēhowshuwa. (“and thou shalt call his name JESUS” Matthew 1:21).

According to Strong's Bible Concordance, the Father's name (translated as LORD in KJV) given in Hebrew is Yēhovah, pronounced, “yeh-hō-vä”. This is a vocalization of the Tetragrammaton, more commonly referred to as Jehovah which is an anglicized representation of Hebrew יהוה-YHWH).

Strong's Number H3068 matches the Hebrew יהוה(Yēhovah), which occurs 6519 times in 5521 verses in the Hebrew concordance of the KJV.

Question 17: If the Holy Spirit is a divine person like the Father and the Son then why does the Scripture refer to the Holy Spirit as an IT? Father and the Son were never referred as IT.

Romans 8:16 (KJV) says, “The Spirit itself [not himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” Similarly, Romans 8:26 says “the Spirit itself [again, not himself] maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

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Question 18: Notice the below statement from spirit of prophesy

“In all the universe **there was but one who could**, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, **only one equal with GOD** could make atonement for its transgression. **NONE BUT CHRIST COULD** redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven.” — *Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 63*

Question: If, Christ is the “only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God” and He is the “**ONLY ONE EQUAL WITH GOD**” Who “could make atonement for its transgression.” And if “**NONE BUT CHRIST COULD** redeem fallen man...” Then, Christ is the only one equal with God...This excludes "God the Holy spirit" as Trinitarians calls him. Isn't it?

Question 19: 1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

The spirit of prophesy confirms:

“Why Only One Mediator – Jesus alone could give security to God; for He was equal to God. **HE ALONE could be a mediator between God and man; for he possessed divinity and humanity.**”
(*The Review and Herald, April 3, 1894*). 7BC 914.7

“Only through a mediator who was equal with God, possessed of attributes that would dignify, and declare him worthy to treat with the infinite God in man’s behalf, and also represent God to a fallen world. **Man’s substitute and surety must have man’s nature, a connection with human family whom he was to represent, and as God’s ambassador, he must partake of the divine nature, have a connection with the Infinite**, in order to manifest God to the world, and be a mediator between God and man. {1SM 257.1}

“**This qualifications were found alone in Christ. Clothing his divinity with humanity**, He came to earth to be called the Son of man and the Son of God. He was the surety for man, the ambassador for God—the surety for man to satisfy by His righteousness in man’s behalf the demands of the law, and the representative of God to make manifest His character to a fallen race. {1SM 257.2}

“No middle-man comes between the sinner and Christ.” — *Signs of the Times, June 28, 1899*

Question: If we are to believe that “God the Holy Spirit” is an entirely separate individual), Could he fits into this narrative? How can “God the Holy Spirit” (who is wholly divine and have not partaken humanity-according to trinitarian teaching) mediate or intercede on behalf of man, when He does not meet the qualifications?

"Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, IS WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS"

QUESTION: Who is this "person" that is "WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES," and who "HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER?" Is holy Spirit a person?

EGW Quote:

"We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, IS WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES; ... HE HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER and knows every thought of the mind." — *Ellen G. White, 1899, 2SAT 136.6 (Sermons and Talks, Vol. 2, pp. 136, 137); Also published on Ev 616.5, 7MR 299.2, Ms66-1899.11*

The statement above has been used to establish the personhood of the Holy Spirit since Leroy Edwin Froom composed a compilation of Ellen White's writings to support the Trinity doctrine in the book, *Evangelism*, in 1946. And as many of the SDA trinitarians will attest, the phrase, "the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person," when viewed without any corroborating statements, appears to suggest that the Holy Spirit is an Individual no different than how the Father and Son are distinct, personal individuals. However, the reader should be made aware that the statement above comes from a stenographer's transcript of a sermon Ellen White preached at the Avondale Church, March 25, 1899.

Note that this particular statement was not published until 1994 and therefore Ellen White was not alive to oversee the publication to verify the accuracy of the wording nor the intent of the phrase.

But let's take a look again the Whole quote under consideration:

EGW Quote:

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" [Romans 12:1].

"THE LORD SAYS this because HE knows it is for our good. HE would build a wall around us, to keep us from transgression, so that HIS blessing and love may be bestowed on us in rich measure. This is the reason we have established a school here. The LORD INSTRUCTED US that this was the place in which we should locate, and we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that the holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes; that the Lord is our keeper and helper. He hears ever word we utter and knows every thought of the mind." {*E. G. White, Sermons and Talks Volume 2 {2SAT 136.5, 136.6} {Also published in Manuscript Releases Vol. 7, p. 299}*}

"Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, IS WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS"

Following paragraph (from previous page) reads,

"No one will be forced into the kingdom of heaven. Those who do not wish to enter show it by their actions. It is because we want to enter this kingdom that we have established a school here, and have called for the youth to come. We desire that they should be educated and trained aright, that they may learn what they should do in order to keep the intellect unimpaired. As we look at the world we know that iniquity abounds. Very little that is of God and heaven can be seen. We desire to bring all of heaven we possibly can into our homes, into the church, into the school, and we desire that the LORD shall see in us no perversity, no stubbornness, no disobedience." {2SAT 137.1}

Thus, Mrs. White is not talking about more than one individual, for she is using the singular pronoun, "**he**" all through out. Please note that she ends the paragraph with, "The Lord is our keeper and helper," not someone else. The Lord is the one who hears every word. It is the Lord who is "unseen by human eyes."

QUESTION: Who is this "person" that is "WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES," and who "HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER?" Is holy Spirit a person?

The spirit of prophesy answers who it is:

EGW Quote 1:

"CHRIST WALKS UNSEEN THROUGH OUR STREETS. With messages of mercy, He comes to our homes." (E.G. White, Ministry of Healing, p. 107)

EGW Quote 2:

"How few realize that JESUS, UNSEEN, IS WALKING BY THEIR SIDE! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that HE HEARD ALL THEIR FOOLISH, COMMON TALK!" (E.G. White, Manuscript Releases, Vol. 14, p. 125.3)

EGW Quote 3:

"The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency. THE GOD OF HEAVEN USES HIS SPIRIT AS IT PLEASES HIM; and human minds, human judgment, and human methods can no more set boundaries to its working, or prescribe the channel through which it shall operate, than they can say to the wind, "I bid you to blow in a certain direction, and to conduct yourself in such and such a manner." 70 {FLB 52.4}

Who is this “person” that is “WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES,” and who “HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER?”

EGW Quote 4:

“I have been instructed that we should lead the sick in our institutions to expect large things because of the faith of the physician in the Great Healer who, in the years of His earthly ministry, went through the towns and villages of the land, and healed all who came to Him. None were turned empty away; He healed them all. Let the sick realize that, **ALTHOUGH UNSEEN, CHRIST IS PRESENT** to bring relief and healing.” — Letter 82, 1908. {MM 28.2}

EGW Quote 5:

“Jesus desires to make celestial harmony in your soul. Read His words, not with discouragement, but with confidence and hope. Listen to the blessed words which God speaks to you. Walking with Christ means to believe that, **THOUGH UNSEEN, CHRIST IS WALKING WITH YOU.**” — Letter 104, August 4, 1901, to E. K. Beaman. {TDG 225.7}

EGW Quote 6:

“Remember that **JESUS IS BESIDE YOU WHEREVER YOU GO**, noting your actions and **LISTENING TO YOUR WORDS.**” (E.G. White, *The Youth Instructor*, Feb. 4, 1897).

EGW Quote 7:

“Go forth in the name of **CHRIST, REMEMBERING, THAT-HE IS YOUR COMPANION, THAT EVERY PRAYER, EVERY WORD, EVERY SONG IS HEARD BY HIM.** The message of the soon coming of the Lord with power and great glory will bring conviction to many hearts.” {RH, February 4, 1904, pg. 8}

EGW Quote 8:

“THE LORD JESUS RECOGNIZES THE REAL VALUE OF SINCERE BELIEF IN HIS PERSONALITY, WHICH THO UNSEEN, IS VIEWED BY THE EYE OF FAITH.” (Letter 248-1906.4)

EGW Quote 9:

“The LORD JESUS standing **BY THE SIDE OF THE CANVASSER, WALKING WITH THEM,** is the chief worker. If we recognize CHRIST as the ONE who is with us to prepare the way, **THE HOLY SPIRIT BY OUR SIDE WILL MAKE IMPRESSIONS IN JUST THE LINES NEEDED.**” {Manual for Canvassers, p. 40}{E. G. White, *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 107}

Note: Notice how Jesus is interchanged with the Holy Spirit. We know Christ is in heaven so how can it be that its said He walks by the side of the canvasser.

Who is this “person” that is “WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES,” and who “HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER?”

EGW Quote 10:

“By the **Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.**” {E. G. White, Bible Echo and Signs of the Times, January 15, 1893 par. 8}

Therefore, we may rightly conclude that it is “by the Spirit” we can have the presence of Christ or the unseen presence of the Father and the Son together.

Regarding such expressions as, “Jesus standing by the side of the canvasser, walking with them,” etc. Does this mean that there are thousands if not tens of thousands of invisible, ghostly Jesuses literally walking on foot next to each of the canvassers around the world? No, I don’t believe that’s what Ellen White intended to convey. I’m incline to think that she is merely using a literary expression to suggest how close and intimate we can experience the presence of Christ by His Spirit here on earth while He is literally in heaven. Christ does not need to be literally walking next to us to hear what we say and to know what we do. He is omniscient!

EGW Quote 11:

“The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the **LORD JESUS, THE UNSEEN AGENCY, BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT** is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.—Letter 105, 1900.” (E.G. White, *Selected Messages, Book 2*, p. 18.3)

EGW Quote 12:

“Of the thousands converted in a day [at Pentecost], one subject was deeply impressed on their minds. One interest prevailed: Who should walk in [the] humble footsteps of Jesus Christ in doing the work He had given them to do? Christ Jesus had promised to be with them; the influence of His Spirit would follow them in their interested work to convince the world of sin. **CHRIST WAS THE UNSEEN AGENCY** and His field composed the world. God called on every believer in Him to be His agency. Their lips were to speak forth His words and their voice [was to be] the talent to convince the world of sin. Therefore, the law of God was to be their interested subject and their voice sanctified [and] subdued by the Holy Spirit. Truth from His own [lips], subjects on which He dwelt, were the weapons they were to use, learning every day.” (Manuscript 151-1906.19)

EGW Quote 13:

“When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that **HE IS AN UNSEEN PRESENCE IN THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and He will be the peace and comfort given you, manifesting to you that He is with you, the Sun of Righteousness, chasing away your darkness. ‘If a man love me,’ Christ said, ‘he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.’ Be of good cheer; light will come, and your soul will rejoice greatly in the Lord.—Letter 124, 1897.” (E.G. White, *Daughters of God*, p. 185.2)

Who is this person who is “UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES”? and who “HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER?”

EGW Quote 14:

“THE DISCIPLES STILL FAILED TO UNDERSTAND CHRIST’S WORDS IN THEIR SPIRITUAL SENSE, AND AGAIN HE EXPLAINED HIS MEANING. BY THE SPIRIT, HE [JESUS] SAID, HE WOULD MANIFEST HIMSELF TO THEM. ‘The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things.’ No more will you say, I cannot comprehend. No longer will you see through a glass, darkly. You shall ‘be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.’ Ephesians 3:18, 19.” (Desire of Ages, p. 669.4-670 p.1)

Note: The concept of Christ appearing as the Holy Spirit, unseen by the world, was difficult for Christ’s disciples to grasp.

EGW Quote 15:

“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), [THIS PHRASE WAS ADDED BY ELLEN WHITE.] TEACH YOU ALL THINGS,** and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” [John 14:26] ‘Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you’ [John 16:7].” (Manuscript Releases, Vol. 14, p. 23.3)

Note: The above statement is self-evident. She says,

1. “THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HIMSELF”
2. “CHRIST WOULD REPRESENT HIMSELF AS PRESENT IN ALL PLACES BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AS THE OMNIPRESENT.”
3. “(ALTHOUGH UNSEEN BY YOU)”– THIS PHRASE WAS ADDED BY ELLEN WHITE, as noted by the publisher.

Conclusion

Thus, it is Christ Himself, not visibly nor physically, but by His own Holy Spirit, who is **“WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES...”**

So, the Holy Spirit is indeed like a third person, though not a literal person. Ellen White understood that “representative” does not necessarily make another third being, but that Christ represents Himself in a different medium. God and His Son have a Spirit and that is how “They” represent “Themselves” while they are not visibly nor physically present.

“THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD” IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

QUESTION:

So why does the Scriptures and Spirit of Prophecy often speak of the Holy Spirit like It/He is “ANOTHER” Person?

The Holy Spirit is indeed a “third person,” Who represents Christ. But He is not a person in the same sense that Father and Son are Persons. In other words, the Holy Spirit is really Christ (imbued with the Spirit of His Father) but it is Christ that is divested of his physical/visible human personage.

Therefore, when Christ gives Himself through the agency of the Holy Spirit, it has its own distinct personality that is different than Christ’s bodily (corporeal) personality and yet in another sense, it is the very presence of Christ Himself but in an intangible (incorporeal) personality.

Is holy spirit “God the eternal spirit”? is this biblical?

The faith of present Adventists

Fundamental beliefs [2015 edition]

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“There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love, is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation.”

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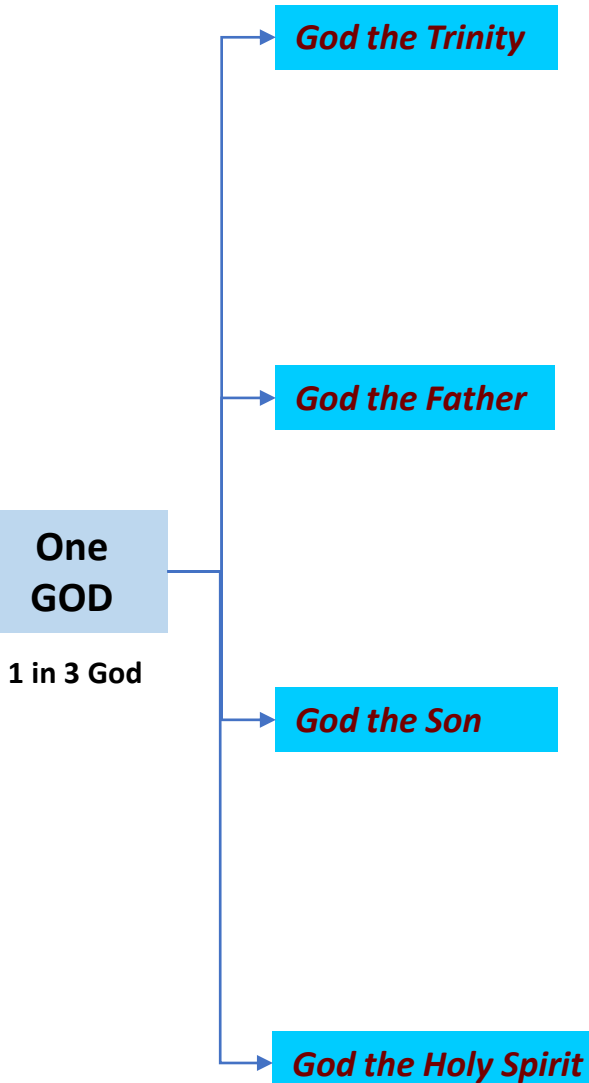
“God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also those of the Father.”

4

“God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly human, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.”

5

“God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He is as much a person as are the Father and the Son.”



Fundamental #6 reads: “...This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children...”

WHO IS THE COMFORTER ACCORDING TO ELLEN WHITE?

WHO IS THE COMFORTER JESUS PROMISED? WHY DID CHRIST HAVE TO RETURN TO HIS FATHER FIRST

“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.” — (E.G. White, Lt119, February 18, 1895)

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

“This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.” — (E.G. White, 14MR 179.2)

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

“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. [John 14:15-18 quoted]” — (E.G. White, Ms24, February 22, 1898)

CONCLUSION

The trinity doctrine is Satan's counterfeit for the Godhead, and if we accept his three in one god doctrine, then we deny there is a literal Father and Son. This is Satan's plan to keep us from the Kingdom since our only way to the Father is through the literal Son of God. And if we accept the Holy Spirit as another God which Satan created 348 years after the cross, then we give our adoration to a creation of Satan rather than the Holy Spirit of the Father and Son. Thus Satan gets worship by representation which is obviously a very serious issue. This doctrine flowed out of the Catholic Church and into all the new Protestant Churches without ever being questioned. It is by far Satan's masterpiece of deception. Most just assume it is right and the lies which are taught in regards to this doctrine seem convincingly true until you have seen the real truth.

There are Trinitarians who selectively give the quotes from Ellen White that say the Holy Spirit is the another personal being called the comforter as they can be misinterpreted. But that also reveals the deception. As you have seen on this book, there is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, it is also the Spirit of truth as Jesus is the truth, it is what Ellen White calls the third person and is the Comforter. Only someone who has been tempted and suffered as us, and lived as one of us is qualified to Comfort us. That someone is Jesus Christ. What a blessing it is to have our Lord and Saviour make His abode in us as our Comforter.

The truth is much better than Satan's lie!
