



# **Alpha & Omega**

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# The Alpha and Omega

This is a vitally important subject, the Alpha and the Omega! There is an Alpha and Omega in the Bible, but this is not the one that we will be looking at today. We will be looking at a different Alpha and Omega – this one is actually a false Alpha and Omega, and it's a heresy. So it's very important that each of us understand where we are going with this study.

What we are going to do is look at church history because this subject impacts directly on the person and identity of Jesus Christ. So we need to pay really careful attention as we go through, because it is a vitally important subject.

We start in the book of *Ecclesiastes 1:9,10* : *“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”*<sup>10</sup> *Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.”*

What this does is that it sets a precedent, and I suppose you could say, or the groundwork, and it shows us that basically history repeats itself. So to understand what's happening in the church today we need to have a look at church history. We need to have a look at this Alpha and Omega and how it fits in with church history; because as it says, history repeats itself.

So, what we need to do today is to identify the Alpha. If we can do that and see what the Alpha is, then we can identify the Omega. This is really important because it affects each one of us right now. We will start here with a Spirit of Prophecy warning.

It comes to us from *Selected Messages Book 1, p. 200*:

*“In the book Living Temple there is presented the **alpha of deadly heresies**. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the **warning** God has given.”*

This statement is really important. It identifies what we are looking at today. It identifies the Alpha as a deadly heresy. Does that sound serious? It is, isn't it? It's deadly serious because it's a deadly heresy.

The next thing I want you to notice from this statement is that it says the omega will follow. The Alpha was already there, and it says there that the Omega will follow. Also that it will be received, or it will be believed, by who? – it says by those who are not willing to heed the warning that God has given.

So, we can see that God has given a warning about the Alpha and Omega; and we can see very clearly that if we can understand what the Alpha is, we will be able to avoid the Omega. But if we don't accept the warning that God has given, then we will be in danger.

So first of all we want to look at what warning was given to God's people that would guard them against accepting the Alpha and the Omega. What was the warning that God gave. God knew what the Alpha and Omega were.

God says in His Word that before something happens He will warn His people, and so He sent this next Spirit of Prophecy warning:

*'Living Temple' contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in 'Living Temple' in regard to this point are incorrect. The scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth, is scripture misapplied.'* Special Testimonies B02 53.2

So this gives us the warning. Now the first thing that she says is that the 'Living Temple' contained the alpha of these theories. The next thing she says is that the omega would follow in a little while. So the omega is something that is really serious; it's so serious that she says ***"and I trembled for our people."*** It was so serious that she was trembling as she saw what was going to happen.

But here it's interesting because she doesn't leave us in doubt as to what constitutes the alpha and the omega. The warning here is really clear. It says: ***"I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God."***

So there's the warning that she gave. It says there really clearly "*I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy*"- Over what? - ***"over the presence and personality of God"***

So this clearly identifies for us what the omega of apostasy would be dealing with. It would be dealing with what? The presence and personality of God - it would be a direct attack on the presence and personality of God. So, we've seen here that the 'Living Temple' contained the alpha, and she says the omega would follow shortly after.

When was it brought in?

It was brought in by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg through the book 'The Living Temple' and it started in 1903. The reason why John Harvey Kellogg wrote the book 'The Living Temple' was that the Battle Creek Sanitarium had burnt down. His idea was to write a book on health, and he would sell the book and the proceeds of that book would go towards helping to rebuild the Sanitarium. That was his idea. But the problem was, as the Spirit of Prophecy points out, that this book contained wrong theology. It contained the alpha of deadly heresy and it was something really serious. So, we need to pay really careful attention to what the Spirit of Prophecy says.

The next statement in *The Ministry of Healing, p. 429*, brings this out:

*"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." Deuteronomy 29:29. The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. **This we may seek to understand. But beyond this we are not to penetrate.**"*

So what was the problem? – The problem was that John Harvey Kellogg went beyond what God had revealed in His Word. So the Spirit of Prophecy sent the warnings out, to be careful of what was written in that book.

But I want you to notice that it says that ***“The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand...”*** People will tell you today that God is a mystery but this says here that what God has revealed to us is not a mystery. It says ***“this we may seek to understand. But beyond this, we are not to penetrate.”***

So we can understand God as He has revealed Himself in His word. This we may seek to understand, but we are not to go beyond this. The problem was that Kellogg went beyond what God reveals of Himself in His Word.

And the warning continues in *Loma Linda Messages, p. 253*, but it's more specific:

***"The teaching regarding God that is presented in 'Living Temple' is not such as our students need. ... Those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith."***

Kellogg had introduced theology regarding God in this book 'The Living Temple', which the Spirit of Prophecy called a deadly heresy. And it was dealing particularly in regard to God and, as you will remember the warning was not to enter into controversy regarding the personality and presence of God; and this was what Kellogg was doing. The Spirit of Prophecy called it a deadly heresy and she says here that ***“those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith.”*** So this is very serious. God was trying to warn His people about the Alpha so they would not be deceived by the Omega, which the Spirit of Prophecy said would come shortly after the Alpha.

So the question is: What did Kellogg believe to warrant such strong warnings from the Spirit of Prophecy? What was his belief in regards to God? That's a really good question, isn't it? And, we need to answer this. It is vitally important so that we know what the Omega of deadly heresy is, and

**what was Kellogg's belief in regards to God?**

We'll have a look at a letter from A.G. Daniells, who was the General Conference President at the time. He wrote a letter to Willy White about this issue. Here is the letter:

*"Ever since the council closed I have felt that I should write you confidentially regarding Dr Kellogg's plans for revising and republishing 'The Living Temple'.... He [Kellogg] said that some days before coming to the council, he had been thinking the matter over, and began to see that he had made a slight mistake in expressing his views... He then stated that his former views regarding the trinity had stood in his way of making a clear and absolutely correct statement; but that within a short time he had come to believe in the trinity and could now see pretty clearly where all the difficulty was, and believed that he could clear the matter up satisfactorily. Letter: A. G. Daniells to W. C. White Oct. 29, 1903 pp. 1, 2.*

This is very interesting. What was Kellogg going to do? He was going to revise and republish 'The Living Temple'. Why? Why did he need to do that? Because the Spirit of Prophecy said it contained a deadly heresy. So, Bro. Daniells was obviously very concerned. He continues on:

*He told me that he **now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost**; and his view was that it was **God the Holy Ghost**, and not God the Father, that filled all space, and every living thing. He said if he had believed this before writing the book, he could have expressed his views without giving the wrong impression the book now gives. **I placed before him the objections I found in the teaching**, and tried to show him that the teaching was **so utterly contrary to the gospel** that I did not see how it could be revised by changing a few expressions." Letter: A. G. Daniells to W. C. White Oct. 29, 1903 pp. 1, 2.*

This is really very interesting. It's a very revealing letter. What did Kellogg say? He had come to believe in the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Does that sound familiar to anybody? It's being agitated today and we'll see why. But what did the General Conference President do when he came across these teachings from Bro. Kellogg? It says there that **"I placed before him the objections I found in the teaching, and tried**

to show him that the teaching was **so utterly contrary to the gospel** that I did not see how it could be revised by changing a few expressions.” So he showed him clearly the objections he found in the teaching that was utterly contrary to the gospel.

I want you to notice who it was that was writing this letter to Willy White. It was the General Conference President. It wasn't just anybody. This was a General Conference President of the Seventh Day Adventist church writing to Willy White and explaining the problems that he saw with Kellogg's teaching. So it was not only Ellen White that saw a problem with this teaching, it was the rest of the brethren as well. Today we see this same teaching, but again today we can see that, as the General Conference President said, it is “utterly contrary to what the gospel says”. So what did the Spirit of Prophecy say about Kellogg's belief, because he says here that he had come to believe in the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. What did the Spirit of Prophecy say regarding this?

*“It will be said that Living Temple has been revised. But the Lord has shown me **that the writer has not changed, and that there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish his present sentiments.** I am bidden to lift my voice in warning to our people, saying, “Be not deceived; **God is not mocked**” (Gal. 6:7).” Selected Messages Book 1, p. 199 August 7, 1904*

There is that warning again. It's interesting that it says there very clearly that the writer had not changed, even though he appears to say that he is going to revise it. It says ‘the writer has not changed.’ The important thing it says is that **“there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish the present sentiments.”** That's a really important point. The ministers of the gospel could not continue to work with him while he continued to believe what he believed.

Another interesting thing it says there **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked.”** So this teaching that Kellogg was putting forward, it was what? - It was a mockery of God! That's a really serious issue. So whatever Kellogg was teaching, it says here was a mockery of



God, and it was a direct attack on, what we looked at before, the presence and personality of God.

But the Spirit of Prophecy continues:

*“You are not definitely clear on the **personality of God**, which is **everything to us** as a people. **You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.**” -- Letter 300, Selected Messages Book 1, p. 199 August 7, 1904*

This shows you how serious this doctrine is. Notice that it's dealing with what? It says here that “*You are not definitely clear on the **personality of God***” So this teaching of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost is a direct attack on the personality of God which she says there is “**everything to us** as a people. **You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.**” How does this doctrine destroy the Lord God Himself? It actually separates God from His Spirit thus destroying the Lord God Himself; and sets up another separate God in His place. But the Bible says that if we look at the past we can understand what's happening today. So we can understand what's going on today in the church; as we look at the past and see what happened in the Alpha, we can see what will happen in the Omega.

So we see here, just in summary, that:

*Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, ‘The Living Temple’, had come to believe in the trinity. He believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost*

This was the issue. Today do we see this teaching? We see this teaching everywhere throughout the churches. Many say that it is a foundational truth but we see from this that the devil had tried to introduce a deadly heresy into the church. In fulfilment of the Spirit of Prophecy this is really clear and this next statement brings it out:

*“In the **controversy** that arose among our brethren regarding the teachings of this book, those in favour of giving it a wide circulation declared: “**It contains the very sentiments that Sister White has been teaching.**” This assertion struck right to my heart. I felt*

*heartbroken; for I knew that this representation of the matter was not true.” Selected Messages Book 1, p.203*

Notice that word “controversy” – that’s exactly what she warned about. She said not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. Were they listening? No! – Because, as it says here, they entered into this controversy because it says there “in the controversy that arose among our brethren” regarding this book.

They were saying that it contained sentiments that were in line with Ellen White’s teachings. His followers were saying this. But she says there that she was so upset by it that *“this assertion struck right to my heart. I felt heartbroken; for I knew that this representation of the matter was not true.”* {1SM 203.1}. What she’s saying here is **‘my teachings in my books do not support the teachings of John Harvey Kellogg.’** It’s very clear.

But what was Kellogg teaching in his book specifically? He was actually teaching pantheism.

*“He [Kellogg] has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward pantheism have been revealed.” Special Testimonies Series B, No.7, p. 39*

**So what is pantheism?** It is the teaching that God is in everything, even in the trees and in the flowers and all of these things. Kellogg was promoting pantheism while he also believed in the Trinity - in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, as he explained himself.

The objection today is that the Spirit of Prophecy was only rebuking Kellogg for his teachings on pantheism. He was not being rebuked on his teaching on the Trinity. But what did Kellogg really believe? Is Ellen White only objecting to one thing – his teaching on pantheism? Or, on his other ‘present sentiments’? She said in the previous quote that it was his ‘present sentiments.’ It was his present sentiments she was objecting to.

Let’s have a look.

**How did Dr. Kellogg summarize the whole problem?**

Why did the Spirit of Prophecy condemn his writings and say that it was a deadly heresy and that it was a departure of faith; and that there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish his present sentiments. She also said that he had virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself. Why would she say those things?

What was the whole problem as summarised by Kellogg himself?

*“As far as I can fathom, the difficulty which is found in ‘The Living Temple’, the whole thing may be simmered down to the question: **Is the Holy Ghost a person?**” Letter: by J. H. Kellogg to G. I. Butler. Oct 28. 1903*

So that’s what John Harvey Kellogg, himself, summarised it as: “Is the Holy Ghost a person?” Does that sound familiar today? Yes. It’s being agitated everywhere – “is the Holy Ghost a person?”

He then continues.

***“You say no. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun ‘he’ is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun ‘he’ and has said in so many words **that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead.** How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all is difficult for me to see.”** Letter: J. H. Kellogg to G. I. Butler. Oct 28. 1903*

It’s interesting there that Brother Butler had told him no, that he didn’t believe what he taught.

What did Bro Butler believe?

Let’s see what Brother Butler actually believed in this next statement.

*“God dwells in us by **His Holy Spirit, as a Comforter, as a Reprover, especially the former.** When we come to Him we **partake of Him in that sense, because the Spirit comes forth from him; it comes forth from the Father and the Son.** It is not a person walking around on foot, or flying as a literal being, in any such sense as Christ and the Father are—at least, if it is, it is utterly*

*beyond my comprehension of the meaning of language or words.”*  
Letter: by G. I. Butler to J. H. Kellogg, April 5, 1904

So that is what Brother Butler believed and that’s what he would have told Kellogg when he said no. This is very clear; that God dwells in us by His Spirit as a Comforter, and that the Spirit came forth from Him, comes forth from the Father and the Son. And it is not a person in any such sense as Christ and the Father are persons.

But John Harvey Kellogg continues in this statement to G.I. Butler: ***“You say no. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun ‘he’ is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun ‘he’ and has said in so many words that **the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead.** How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all is difficult for me to see.”*** Letter: J. H. Kellogg to G. I. Butler. Oct 28. 1903

This is very interesting. Kellogg himself identifies here that the Alpha of deadly heresies boiled down to ‘Is the Holy Ghost a person?’ – That is what it simmered down to. Does that sound familiar today? Yes it does.

And now what’s really important is what he uses in support. He uses the Bible, and the personal pronoun ‘He’ and he uses the Spirit of Prophecy, and specifically the statement that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead. We need to have a look at these things. We need to identify what he is talking about here.

But have you heard that statement before, that the Holy Ghost is the Third Person of the Godhead? Have you heard that before? You hear ministers saying from the pulpit these days that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead; therefore He is a person like the Father and the Son, and is to be worshipped. Let me tell you that that’s not the first time that this has been said. John Harvey Kellogg was the first one to introduce this concept into the Adventist church. So what you hear today is just a repetition of what he was saying.

So what do we see the problem is? It is the personality of the Holy Spirit. That is the whole crux of the problem. Is the Holy Spirit a person like the Father and the Son?

Now remember what we had a look at before, the warning in the Spirit of Prophecy where it says not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. We see here that this is prophecy fulfilled. This is fulfilled because Kellogg came to believe that God the Holy Spirit was an individual God, the same as the Father and the Son which equals the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.

And the Spirit of Prophecy identified this as a deadly heresy; in fact, the Alpha of deadly heresies. Many people will say to you that this is not really important, that it is not an important subject; but the Bible says that which has been, it will be again, and so history repeats itself.

It's interesting that Kellogg was using the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy and the personal pronoun 'He' to try and support his Trinity doctrine. But it's not true that the Bible never uses the word "it", sometimes it does. And sometimes the Spirit of Prophecy uses "it" as well for the Holy Spirit. But like the Alpha, we see that the Omega is following in the same footsteps today.

So, what was the Spirit of Prophecy's response to what Kellogg was writing?

In *Selected Messages Book 1, p. 203:*

***"I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of Living Temple can be sustained by statements from my writings. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of Living Temple, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in Living Temple are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail."***

So what statement was she talking about? - Particularly the statement regarding who the Third Person of the Godhead is; that the third person of the Godhead is the Holy Spirit.

She says ***I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost can be sustained from statements in my writings.***

So those that are teaching the same things today need to be really careful. They need to go back and restudy what the SOP says because Ellen White has told you in that statement that her writings do not support the doctrine; that the slant that the church has put on the third person of the Godhead statements ***cannot be sustained by teachings from my writings.***

It goes on: *“there may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, **taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of Living Temple,** would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in Living Temple are in harmony with my writings. **But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.**”*

Sister White is saying here that the writings that Kellogg is using to support his doctrine have been taken out of context. They might seem to support his doctrine but she says that ‘this is not what I mean.’ She says that *“God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.”*

So you need to go back to the Spirit of Prophecy and study it because today they are doing exactly the same thing; using the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy to support what the Spirit of Prophecy calls a deadly heresy.

But now, a vitally important question. – *Was Ellen White a Trinitarian?*

- *Did she believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost?*
- *If so, then how dare she rebuke Kellogg for bringing it to light?*

- *Was it God who told her to rebuke Kellogg? - Kellogg believed in the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Ellen White said that was a deadly heresy. But was it God that told her to rebuke Kellogg? We know she was speaking through the Spirit of Inspiration because she said there “the Lord has shown me and am compelled to speak.” We can see she was under inspiration when she wrote those things.*
- *How could God inspire her to oppose the Trinity, if it is the truth? – It’s a very good question.*
- *If Ellen White believed in the Trinity, then she was a false prophet! - This is a very interesting statement. But we need to explain that. What is a false prophet? It’s some-one who speaks lies. Can separate things or different things come out of the same mouth and be true? – NO*

So, Ellen White can’t condemn Kellogg for teaching one thing and then believe the same thing herself. This is not possible.

What was Ellen White trying to say through her writings?

*“Your ideas are so mystical that they are destructive to the real substance, and the minds of some are becoming **confused** in regard to **the foundation of our faith**. If you allow your mind to become thus diverted, you will give a wrong mold to the work that has made us what we are--Seventh-day Adventists.--” Letter 52, 1903*

Notice that word mystical. Does that sound familiar? We’re told today that the Trinity doctrine is a mystery. She says here that is what he is teaching, it’s something mystical. It also goes on to say that it’s ‘*destructive of the real substance*.’ How? How is it destructive of the real substance? We looked at this before. It’s because it destroys God himself. It separates God from His Spirit. It destroys the Father-Son relationship between God the Father and His only begotten Son. And it says there in Letter 52, 1903 that it confuses people about the foundation of our faith, in regard to what makes us Seventh Day Adventists. So, this was very serious and it’s called a deadly heresy.

So, we want to have a look at what was the foundation of our faith that the Prophecy identifies that Kellogg was departing from, and that those who were following his sentiments were departing from? What was the foundation?

We need to have a look at the foundation and see whether it fits with Kellogg's assertion that "Is the Holy Ghost a Person?" Kellogg said that he believed in the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. But what did the church believe at this time? What was the foundation of the church at this time?

*What was the foundation of our faith?*

*"The Holy Spirit is the **Spirit of God**; it is also the **Spirit of Christ**." From U. Smith, in GC. Daily Bulletin Vol. 4, March 14, 1891, pp. 146, 147*

Here's another one from E.J. Waggoner, Christ And His Righteousness, p. 23. 1890: "*Here we find that the Holy Spirit is both the **Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ**.*"

Those statements are really clear. And, we can show many, many more of the pioneer writers showing what their belief was on the Spirit of God. It shows there really clearly that it is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.

Does the Bible teach the same thing?

In Romans 8:9–11: "*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his.*<sup>10</sup>*And if **Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*<sup>11</sup>*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.**"*

Does that agree with the two previous statements? Yes, it does, 100 percent. It says there very clearly that it is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ, and that is how they dwell in you. How much clearer do we need it to be? It says there that He that raised up Christ from the dead, which is God the Father, will dwell in us by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.



Now the next statement from the pioneers, to add to the last two, really brings this out clearly.

*“We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God we are really speaking of **his presence and power**.” J. N. Loughborough, Review & Herald, September 13, 1898*

In all of these statements, do we find anywhere that it says God the Holy Spirit? NO. Loughborough says really clearly there that it's the presence and power of God. Now remember the attack, and the warning from the Spirit of Prophecy not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. Here Loughborough agrees with that and shows that the Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God. Now where did Loughborough get this statement from? Notice the date, 1898. Where did he get this from? Notice this next Spirit of Prophecy statement.

*“The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the **presence and power of God**.” Signs of the Times, November 23, 1891*

It's exactly the same wording.

This was the foundation that Kellogg was departing from. He believed in God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Prophecy gave the warning not to enter into controversy over this particular subject and when we compare the two we see that Kellogg believed that God the Holy Spirit was a person, a separate person from God the Father. But the Spirit of Prophecy, and the pioneers, believed that it was the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ; and that when God gives us His Spirit, God gives us Himself.

In giving us His holy spirit, is God giving us another individual or himself?”

Let us have a look at this next statement:

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

How much clearer do we need it to be? It's very plain. And, Kellogg was departing from this foundational truth, the foundation of the faith. He was separating God from His Spirit, giving us a

different person called God the Holy Spirit, and he tried to use the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible in support. But what else does the Spirit of the Lord say? Who is the third person of the Godhead? We find today that this statement, the third person of the Godhead, is used by many ministers to support the Trinity doctrine.

Does she explain this to us?

This is vitally important and I want you to understand, and that is the principle of interpretation. As we know from Bible studies, the Bible itself is its own interpreter. If you want to know anything about any subject in the Bible you need to go to the rest of the Bible, and study that subject in its context to understand what the Bible teaches on any particular subject.

The Spirit of Prophecy is exactly the same. The Spirit of Prophecy is its own interpreter. So, if somebody comes to you with a Spirit of Prophecy quote and says “this is what it means” don’t just believe it. You need to go to the Spirit of Prophecy itself to find out what the Spirit of Prophecy is teaching, because it explains itself. It’s very, very clear!

Let’s have a look at this next statement:

*“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.**” Review and Herald, April 5, 1906 par. 12*

That’s a really clear statement. Is this talking about another person when we receive the Holy Ghost? NO, it says there that it’s speaking about His person, the divinity of His character. It’s His own personal presence, it’s His own Spirit that He’s giving to us. The Holy Spirit is a person, but the Spirit of Prophecy makes it very, very clear who the third person of the Godhead is. It’s the person of Christ, the Spirit of Christ. It’s His own personal presence in us and with us. Kellogg was teaching that it was a different person, a separate person, a separate God. It’s a subtle difference, almost using the same words, but it’s totally different.

The Spirit of Prophecy said that what Kellogg was teaching was a departure from the faith, that it was a deadly heresy and that it was destroying the foundation of our faith. But there's more.

This is from *The Southern Review*, September 13, 1898 par. 2:

*“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**.”*

This is really very interesting because here the Spirit of Prophecy is referring to John Chapter 14, and my challenge to you today is to go back to your Bible and study the Book of John, from the 14th chapter right through to the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. Read it in its context, and it is very clear what the Bible says regarding this. It identifies when Jesus is talking about the Comforter, it makes it really clear who He is talking about, if you read it in the context. And Jesus was trying to explain to His disciples who the Comforter was. But what does it say here? They couldn't understand it. They just couldn't understand. It says there that they did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation.

He was there physically with them at that time, wasn't He? But He was trying to tell them that He would go away, that He would be glorified and that He would come back to them in a different form, in a spiritual form; that He couldn't be with them spiritually now, but when He went back and was glorified, He could then send His Spirit to be with them.

Through His own omnipresent Spirit, He would come to them as the Comforter, as the presence of Christ, the very person of Christ. **He** would come to them. It says “But they couldn't understand it.” He would be invisible to them, but He would be in them.

So I want to appeal to you: that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is telling you directly today that “I am your Comforter.”

He is telling you straight today that He is your Comforter. And, this is what the third person of the Godhead means. It's the Divinity of His character, it is the spiritual presence of Christ. Notice that they didn't understand this, and it's the same today. The church is now no different - they separate Christ from His Spirit and they give the glory to somebody else when it is Christ, Himself, in you. What does the Scriptures say? – “Christ in you the hope of glory” Colossians 1:27: *“To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**”*

But Kellogg misunderstood this and he took it out of context to support the Trinity doctrine and, today, you see that what he was teaching is more common.

But let's continue. It goes on:

*“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. Desire of Ages p. 166*

How many ministers does this show here? There's only one. Christ's physical presence is in Heaven and His spiritual presence is here on earth. He is personally with us, and in us, as His minister of the church on earth by His Spirit. Is that a different person to Christ? NO. Is it a different individual or another minister? NO. There is only one. By His omnipresence when He was glorified, He then, through His omnipresent Spirit, was able to be with us.

The Bible says in 1 Timothy 2:5: *“**For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**”*

Today they will tell you there are two mediators, or two go-betweens, between God the Father. But the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy say that there is only one. For Jesus said *“Lo, **I am with you always**, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:20*. He says *“I am with you,”* not somebody else.

*“Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take his*

*place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit,--the soul of his life, the efficacy of his church, the light and life of the world. With his Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin.” Review and Herald, May 19, 1904 par. 1*

That makes it very clear.

Is the soul of Jesus’ life a different person to Him? NO. It’s His very own presence, it’s His own personality. The problem today is that we hear people say that the soul of His life, or the Comforter, is a different individual. The Holy Spirit, they say, is God the Holy Spirit separate from God the Father and God the Son. But no, the Spirit of Prophecy said that this is a dangerous heresy.

From *The Home Missionary, November 1, 1893 par. 28:*

*“...the holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.”*

That’s very clear.

What did Jesus say? *“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:18*

Here is another one:

*The Lord knows all about His faithful servants who for His sake are lying in prison or who are banished to lonely islands. He comforts them with His own presence. Desire of Ages p. 669*

So that’s Christ’s own personal presence with them.

Let’s have a look at this practically. Who is your comforter? Who is the one to assist you to overcome sin?

Kellogg and the Trinity, or Tritheism, teaches that there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; and that God the Son is in heaven and that it is God the Holy Spirit that is here as your Comforter - and that’s a different individual called God the Holy Spirit, and separate from God the Father and the Son; that it’s not Jesus, but that it’s someone different.

But the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy tell us very clearly that the Comforter is Jesus Himself.

Let’s have a look at this: **Who is your comforter?**

*There is **no comforter like Christ**, so tender and so true. {RH, October 26, 1897 par. 15}*

*"The **Saviour is our Comforter**. This I have proved Him to be." {8MR 49}*

*"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter**." {19MR 296, 297}*

How much clearer do we need it to be? How much clearer? It says here very clearly that Jesus is your Comforter. But today they say it's not Jesus who is your Comforter, but its God the Holy Spirit, giving credit to another one. But Jesus is our Comforter and today some will tell us that this is a dangerous doctrine; but it's not dangerous to believe that Jesus is your Comforter. It's very dangerous to believe otherwise.

What about Jesus' life here? Why did He come here to live thirty three years on this earth, to learn what it was like to become a man and then to go back to heaven and send someone else? What comfort would that person have for you who has never been here to experience it? Why leave us and send someone else? Why come to earth for thirty-three years?

But, if Jesus is your Comforter, which He is, and the Holy Spirit is the very life of Christ, the soul of His life, his very own person; now Jesus can comfort us in our sorrows through His experience here. He experienced what it's like to overcome; He experienced what it's like to be hungry, to suffer want, to just trudge this earth as a man - He experienced that.

What a big difference it is when you experience something, so when you apply it personally, we can see that Christ can understand what we go through. So you need to be very careful that you don't have a different Comforter, because we can see very clearly that Jesus is the Comforter.

But why are we so weak today? What is the problem in the church? We know that the Bible points out the last day church is called the church of Laodicea. What is the problem with the church of Laodicea?

Let's have a look at this:

Revelation 3:17: "*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and **have need of nothing**; and **knowest not** that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and **blind**, and naked:*"

This is the problem with the church today: that they're suffering as the church of Laodicea with spiritual blindness. The truth is right before their very eyes, but they cannot see it because the Bible says they are wretched, miserable, poor and blind and naked. When you're blind, you just can't see. But why? Why is the church so weak today? What is the problem?

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us why:

*The reason 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**, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." {RH, August 26, 1890 par. 10}*

This is the problem with the church today. Because the enemy, Lucifer, has sought to shut Jesus from view as being the Comforter. Has he succeeded? Yes, he has succeeded in doing that because the church at large does not believe today that Jesus is their Comforter.

If you ask somebody in the church today "is Jesus your Comforter?" they will tell you no, that God the Holy Ghost or God the Holy Spirit is their Comforter, not Jesus. That's tragic. And that's why the church is having so much trouble because they do not have Jesus as their comforter. So Satan has succeeded, and people don't believe anymore that Jesus is the Comforter.

Now, regarding the Omega of heresy, we're going to have a look at this, because we've looked at the Alpha and we've seen how history and the foundation have been attacked by this Alpha, and we've seen some of the surrounding doctrines of the Alpha of deadly heresy.

I want you to remember the following is a prophecy, it's from the Spirit of Prophecy, and I want you to have a look at this:

*“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a **great reformation** was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation **would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith**, and engaging in a process of **reorganization**. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? **The principles of truth** that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, **would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles** that have sustained the work for the last fifty years [1853 onward] **would be accounted as error...** {Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 204, 205. 1903}*

This quote continues on, but before we read the rest, what does it say there? Who was going to bring in this supposed great reformation? The enemy of souls. She says there that “our religion would be changed” and that “the fundamental principles” “would be accounted as error.” But we will have a look at this because when you start to show people these things, they tell you “we don’t believe that any more”. When I tried to share it with a minister, he said the church does not believe this anymore. But I want to ask a question - Where did our church get the fundamental principles that they had? Where did they get them from? How did the pioneers arrive at the teachings of the Seventh Day Adventist church, including Ellen White?

How did the pioneers arrive at them?

*“Many of our people do not realize **how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid**. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, **searched for the truth as for hidden treasure**. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. **Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night**, praying for light and studying the word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, “we can do nothing more,” **the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me**, I would be taken off in vision, and **a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me**, with instruction as to how we*



were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to **Christ, His mission, and His priesthood**. ***A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me.***” {Early Writings 22.4}

That’s a really interesting statement, isn’t it? Let me ask you the question? – Are the church leaders of today better than the pioneers and Ellen White, and the Spirit of Prophecy that led them?

Who led them? It says there ***“the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me”***. So, it was the Spirit of the Lord that was leading them, and that’s Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. As the Bible says, the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. He was leading them to discover these truths that we are seeing today and notice carefully what she says there: ***“A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me.”***

That’s really important - that line of truth. That means the fundamental truths that were laid down in those early years, that were set out really clearly from that time - what was that time? 1844 onwards; a line of truth was given to her that would stretch until when? - until we should enter the city of God. Have we entered the city of God yet? NO. So the foundation of our faith that was set up by the Spirit of the Lord, who was the master worker; that line of truth still stands.

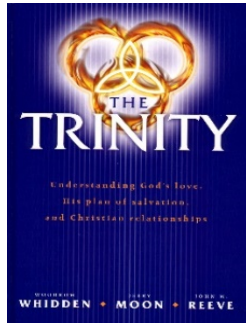
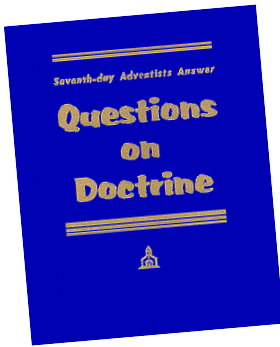
I want you to notice something important. You can search through the Spirit of Prophecy writings, and the pioneers’ writings, and you will find that line of truth did not contain the trinity doctrine. All of the pioneers of the Adventist church were non-Trinitarians and they strongly opposed it.

But now, as the Spirit of Prophecy prophesied “these things are counted as error”; the fundamental principles are counted as error. What a tragic apostasy! What a deadly heresy! But the enemy of souls is behind these changes. How sad is that?

The earlier quote, (p.22) continues on:

*“...A **new organization** would be established. **Books of a new order would be written.**” {Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 204, 205}*

The first book of the new order was ‘The Living Temple’. Now, in the Omega we see other books. Pictured below are some of new books We will look at some of these in Part 2 (p.33).



The Spirit of Prophecy says that books of a new order will be written. There was only one book in the Alpha, but now there are books.

The earlier quote continues on further:

*“.....A **system of intellectual philosophy** would be introduced. ... Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the **new movement**. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, **but God being removed**, they would place their **dependence on human power**, which, without God, is worthless. **Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.**” {Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 204, 205}*

Notice here that this is a prophecy and it says here that “a new movement” would be established. It says that nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. Notice what it also says, which is really important, is that God would be removed.

So, this new movement would have a different God at its head and that different God is the Trinity.

So they have stepped off the solid foundation that was built by the master worker and they've built this new movement on the sand – *“Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.”* But it's interesting that it's got the same name, this new movement, but it's a different movement altogether.

But who built the first foundation?

*“I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Someone high in responsibility in the medical work (Kellogg) was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, “Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? **This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest.** Will they permit this man to present doctrines that **deny the past experience of the people of God?** The time has come to take decided action.” {1 Selected Messages p204}*

And that's what we are doing today, taking decided action because this solid rock, this solid foundation, was built by the Master Worker, which is Christ Himself. It was Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. It's interesting because it says there it “will stand storm and tempest”. But it's also interesting she says the doctrines that Kellogg was putting forward, and which are believed today, deny the past experience of the people of God.

So, we need to compare the two movements – from 1 Selected Messages p204-205:

## Notice the two compared side by side:

### ***‘The Original SDA Movement...***

*Was a platform, braced by solid  
timbers, the truths of the  
Word of God.  
This foundation was built by  
The Master Worker.  
It will stand storm and tempest.*

### ***The New Movement under the Omega...***

*Giving up the doctrines which  
stand as pillars of our faith.  
Principles of truth would be  
discarded.  
Our religion would be  
changed.  
Fundamental principles  
[1853 →] will be counted  
as error.  
A new organization established  
by the enemy of souls.  
Books of a new order would be  
written.  
A system of intellectual  
philosophy would be  
introduced  
God will be removed, place  
dependence on human power  
Built on the sand and storm  
and tempest would sweep away  
the structure.’*

We can see the comparison there and we can see just how clear that is. We can see this new movement under the Omega – It has the same name but is a totally different movement, a totally different organization. Who was behind it? – The enemy of souls.

The Spirit of Prophecy says very clearly:

***“There is no place for gods in the heaven above. God is the only true God. He fills all heaven. Those who now submit to his will shall see his face; and his name will be in the foreheads of all who are pure and holy.” {1888 Materials, p.1633}***

So there is no place for gods in heaven. We are taught there are three gods, but the Spirit of Prophecy says there is no place for gods. We are taught there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. But, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible says there is only one true God; that God is the only true God.

Notice the quote says: **“God is the only true God.”** Who is this talking about? It is talking about God the Father.

*John 17:3 says: “...that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”*

Notice it says in Spirit of Prophecy **“his name will be in the foreheads”** This is referring to the 144,000 of Revelations 14:1. That’s the Father’s name, God the Father, and His name will be written on their foreheads and there is no place for gods in heaven above. God the Father is the only true God. God is the Father of Christ, and Christ is the Son of God.

So as we’ve looked at it today, we have seen:

*“In the book Living Temple there is presented the **alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.**”*  
*{Selected Messages Book 1, p. 200}*

Today we have read the warnings regarding the Alpha and it says clearly that the Omega will be received by those who do not heed these warnings. And we can see today, the Omega has been received. In Part 2, we will see that the Omega has been received, and how it has been received. And, this is not a coincidence. It was prophesied by the Spirit of Prophecy, and now it has been received and taught.

But what does it say here?

*“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.”*  
*{RH, October 12, 1905 par. 22} Selected Messages Book 1, p. 200*

That is what we need to do – to keep in mind what the Lord has taught us in our past history. We cannot afford to say like the church is saying today “we don’t believe that anymore”. This is a forgotten truth; this was the sure foundation that we need to hold

onto, the teachings of the truths that have made us Seventh Day Adventists. Sadly this prophecy that we have just read about, has come true; but we need to warn the people because we have the example in the following scriptures:

*“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which **built his house upon a rock**: <sup>25</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock**. <sup>26</sup>And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: <sup>27</sup>**And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**” {Matthew 7:24-27}*

We need to be one of those wise men who builds his house upon the rock, the solid rock of the truths of the Word of God, and not be the foolish man. For as we know from that previous prophecy, which fits really carefully with this here; the **“storm and tempest would sweep away the structure”** and this says here **“the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”**

But I want you to remember that it doesn't matter how many people are standing on the sand, it is still the sand and it will be swept away. We need to build on this solid rock:

*“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God**. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him. Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee **but my Father which is in heaven**. <sup>18</sup>And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**” Matthew 16:15-18*

What is the rock that we need to build our lives on? – **“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God”**, the Rock. This is the message that Jesus said He will build His church on. The fact that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God.

Now, I want you to notice these next two statements:

*Satan is determined that men shall not see the love of God which led Him to give **His only-begotten Son** to save a lost race; for it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance. [Selected Messages Book 1, p.156]*

Jesus said He would build His house upon the rock, the fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. But Satan is determined that men shall not see the love of God in giving His only begotten Son. But that is the Gospel, isn't it, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son? But its Satan's determined effort that men shall not see this love of God in giving His only begotten Son.

But notice this next one because it shows us that it started back in heaven.

*“Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. **This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God,** and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ.” {This Day With God, p. 128}*

This is vitally important. Do you remember that other statement that said the reason why the churches are so weak is because Satan has sought to shut Jesus from view as the Comforter? Here we see that Satan is doing the same thing with the truth that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. “This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure that Christ was the only begotten Son of God.”

Jesus said He would build His church upon the fact that He was the only begotten Son of God and that Satan is determined to shut that from our view. Has he succeeded? Yes, he has. What does the word obscure mean? It means to hide, to keep away from people. He was trying to obscure the fact that God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son. And it's the same today, they try to obscure the fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

Many will tell you that Jesus was only begotten when He was born in Bethlehem. But this statement here shows clearly that He was begotten in heaven, before He came here. That was what the problem in heaven was: that Jesus was the only begotten Son, and the fallen angels would not submit to that.

Did the angels know the truth? Yes, they did, but notice that it says that it is a fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. Today many will tell you that the only begotten Son part of it is only a metaphor, that it's a role play, and that it's not real. One divine being took the role of a Father, another one took the role of a Son. They were just acting out the parts. But this is not a parable, it is not a metaphor or a symbol or a role play— it says there that **it is a fact**; that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

We'll see this in these next two statements: the first is from the pioneers.

*"The angels are sons of God, as was Adam...by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom. 8:14, 15), but Christ is the Son of God by birth. ... and so Christ is the "express image" of the Father's person." {E. J. Waggoner, Christ And His Righteousness, p. 12. 1890}*

*And the Spirit of Prophecy agrees:*

*"God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,"--not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person..." {E. G. White, Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895}*

We need to accept this fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. We need to understand that today because Satan has made a direct attack on this, that Jesus is the Son of God. And, this is a deadly heresy to believe anything different to that.

Let's have a look at a couple of extra statements:

*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." {Great Controversy p493}*



Who was the only being that could enter into the counsels and purposes of God? Only one, Jesus Christ.

Where is God the Holy Spirit in this statement? He is not there. So God the Holy Spirit is a false doctrine. There are only two in the counsels and purposes of God. They share the same Spirit.

But people say when you say that there is no God the Holy Spirit that you are saying there is no Holy Spirit at all, but the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are very, very clear that the Holy Spirit exists. But, there is a correct understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, and there is a wrong understanding of who the Holy Spirit is. What Kellogg was teaching was a wrong understanding of who the Holy Spirit is; and today it is the same teaching. It's wrong that it's God the Holy Spirit; that it's a separate individual to God the Father and God the Son, but that's not true. The truth is that it's the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ, the personal presence of the Father and the Son.

The next statement:

*The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted. {Youth Instructor July 7, 1898}*

How much clearer do we need that to be? How many are to be exalted? Only two. Where is God the Holy Spirit in this statement? It's not there. If, as people would have us believe, there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; then you need to worship all three, you need to exalt all three - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit inspired this statement which says that there are only two, the Father and the Son. And we need to remember who the Spirit of Prophecy is - It's the testimony of Jesus. He inspired these statements and He knows what the truth is.

***“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.”***  
Testimonies Vol 8, p. 268

It is so simple. There is no confusion there. How many people do you hear today saying that God is the Father of Christ and that Christ is the Son of God, the literal Son of God? And this was in heaven before He came here.

*“The only being who was one with God lived the law in humanity, descended to the lowly life of a common laborer, and toiled at the carpenter's bench with his earthly parent.” Signs of the Times 14.10.1897*

That says very clearly that there is only one being ‘who is one with the Father,’ only one that was one with God. But we know there was another one who wanted to be equal with God the Father and His Son. He wanted equality and he tried to do it by force and he was cast out of heaven. So you need to be careful when you try to use the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, like Kellogg did, to support your belief. If Ellen White was alive today, she would tell you “that is not what I mean,” and if you don’t believe what you have been shown here you need to realize that you are rejecting the rock and are standing on the shifting sands.

*“He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim this truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided; but **the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine.**” Selected Messages Book 1, p. 201*

That’s exactly what we have done today. Many may criticise it, deride it and scorn it, but the closer it is examined the brighter it will shine. The closer you examine the truth that Jesus Christ is the literal Son of God, the brighter it will shine.

Today we have looked at the Alpha and Omega. We’ve looked at this deadly heresy and how it started. But how did this doctrine enter and become accepted by the Seventh Day Adventist church.

In the next part of this presentation, we will trace the entrance of the Trinity doctrine into the Seventh Day Adventist church up until the present day.

## The Alpha and Omega Part 2

We will start by looking at a text of Scripture,

*Deuteronomy 31:16-18* “And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and **go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.** Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that **they are turned unto other gods.**”

So what was God saying here to Moses? He was giving Moses a warning. He was telling Moses what would happen after his death. And what were the people going to do? What does it say? He said they would “go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land.” God had warned His people before. He had said to them to go into the lands and to drive out, through His help, all the inhabitants of the land because He knew the danger of mixing with people who worshipped other gods. But what happened with the children of Israel was that they didn’t do what God told them to do. They started doing it, but after a while they settled down and they didn’t get rid of all the inhabitants of the land. And what did God say? He said “they will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them” And He said in the last part there that “they are turned unto other gods.” Now, this was a prophecy. Was this prophecy fulfilled? Yes it was. Sadly it was fulfilled.

We’ll have a look at the next text, *Joshua 2:7-13*.

*“And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.”*<sup>8</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.<sup>9</sup> And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.<sup>10</sup> 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.*  
<sup>11</sup>*And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:* <sup>12</sup>*And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.*  
<sup>13</sup>*And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth (Cananite goddess Astarte or Ishtar).” Joshua 2:7-13*

Here we see that this prophecy was fulfilled. God had warned Moses that the people would go a whoring after other gods. And, it's interesting that for as long as Moses lived and Joshua lived, and the generation in which Joshua lived they were faithful but then what did it say? Another generation arose which did not know all the works of God, and they forgot and then they started mixing with the nations around them and they started worshipping their gods. But this is a really interesting principle that's set forth here: that God would warn His people beforehand what was going to take place so that they would know and be aware and to be careful. But sadly we've seen that history repeats itself, doesn't it? Did God send a warning to His people in this same way, following the same vein? Did God send a warning to the early church of the Seventh Day Adventists to warn them about what was going to happen?

This next statement brings that out. Shortly before the death of Ellen White, this is what she had to say:

*“Great things shall come to pass **after I am gone**; Satan will work as never before. All that can be shaken will be shaken out. We must draw near to God, for we cannot lean upon man or the crowd. We must know the Lord deeply as never before.” Asiatic Division News, May 1-15, 1915, p. 43*

Through the pen of inspiration God was warning that “great things would come to pass after I'm gone; Satan will work as never before” She was warning that exactly the same situation that happened with Israel, that they would go a whoring after other gods around them. He was giving the warning that after the

passing of Ellen White the same thing would happen. So God showed that there would be a problem after the prophet had died.

We'll have a look at another statement shortly where that continues. We've seen these next two statements in the first part but I just wanted to remind you of them.

*“In the book Living Temple there is presented the **alpha of deadly heresies**. The **omega will follow**, and **will be received** by those who are not willing to heed the **warning** God has given.”*  
*Selected Messages Book I, p. 200*

Here we see that she was warning again the Omega will follow and will be received.

The next one:

*“‘Living Temple’ contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that **the omega would follow in a little while**; and **I trembled for our people**. *Special Testimonies B02 53.2**

Notice that she said the Omega will follow. We had a look at this before. We looked at the Omega and the Alpha in the first part. She says here that it will follow in a little while and that this is a prophecy but she continued on with a warning. This is the next warning and it's a bit of a lengthy statement:

*“One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—**the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout**. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now.”*

*Testimonies for the Church Containing Messages of Warning and Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists, p. 57, December 4, 1905*

So, what did she see happening? - That “the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger.” That is really interesting. She said it was there and she could see it developing and increasing and waxing stronger and stronger. So, it wasn’t going away.

How long did she say this great apostasy will last? It says there it will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. What event is that talking about? It’s talking about the Second Coming of Jesus. So she saw that this great apostasy would continue and increase, and get stronger and stronger until the Second Coming. So it’s something that is not going to go away and it started with Kellogg in the Alpha as we saw earlier, and it will continue in Omega. It will continue developing and increasing and waxing stronger until the second coming; and it will get worse and worse.

And it would be accepted more and more so she was warning her people, warning us, warning the Seventh Day Adventist church to hold fast to the first principles of our denominated faith, to hold on to what was originally revealed to the Adventist church through the Pioneers and through the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. She was warning the people to hold fast to what was believed from the beginning and not to get off that platform of truth.

She said *“Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time.”*

Now we are told something really interesting in Scripture.

In *Proverbs 22:28* it says very clearly:

*“Remove not **the ancient landmark**, which thy fathers have set.”*

This is really important. This is a principle from Scripture. If we would hold to the Bible, and the Bible only, as we have seen from the Spirit of Prophecy and the Pioneers the way God had originally led the Adventist church and we removed not any of ‘the ancient landmarks’, we would be safe.

The foundation was set up by the Master Worker and it would be attested to by the miracle working power of the Spirit of God. So the ancient landmarks, the pillars of the faith, of the Seventh Day Adventists were to be adhered to and not to be laid aside or be removed in one single iota. But, many today do not realise how much of the faith of the Seventh Day Adventists has been changed. They do not realise what has happened.

This next statement brings it out:

*“Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. **The omega will be of a most startling nature.**”* SpTB02 16.2

What’s interesting is that the Spirit of Prophecy says really clearly here that the Alpha and Omega are “departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” We need to be really careful what we are looking at.

In the light of that last statement, we have this next one which makes it really clear. It shows us now a parallel to the statement which was written in the Spirit of Prophecy. From Adventist Review:

*“Some Adventists today think that our beliefs have remained unchanged over the years, or they seek to turn back the clock to some point when we had everything just right. But all attempts to recover such “historic Adventism” fail in view of the facts of our heritage. Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of “present truth.” **Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Many of the pioneers, including James White, J. N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J. H. Waggoner, held to an Arian or semi-Arian view—that is, **the Son at some point in time before the Creation of our world was generated by the Father.** Likewise, the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, **was not generally held by the early Adventists.** Even today a few do not subscribe to it.”* Adventist Review, January 6, 1994, pp. 10, 11

This statement is really interesting. What does it say?

**“.....Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord....”

That was exactly the same words that were used by the Spirit of Prophecy; exactly the same words. And, it is startling to realize how much the Adventist church has changed.

In fact it has changed so much that the following statement was made.

*“Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination’s Fundamental Beliefs. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief number 2, which deals with the doctrine of the Trinity. For Joseph Bates the Trinity was an unscriptural doctrine, for James White it was that “old Trinitarian absurdity,” and for M. E. Cornell it was a fruit of the great apostasy, along with such false doctrines as Sunday keeping and the immortality of the soul.”(George Knight, professor of church history, Andrews University).” ‘Ministry’ magazine, October 1993, p. 10*

Notice this is from George Knight, Professor of Church History at Andrews University so this isn’t just anybody. This was actually a Professor of church history from Andrews University, and was quoted in Ministry magazine in 1993. This is really startling!

How is it possible that the pioneers of the Adventist church would not be able to join the Adventist church today if they had to subscribe to the fundamental beliefs of the church? How is that possible?

How far has the Adventist church gone off the platform of truth that the founding fathers of the Adventist church, including Ellen White herself, would not be able to subscribe to their fundamental beliefs? Why is that so?

Because as the previous writer shows very clearly that they were non-Trinitarian; that they didn’t believe in the Trinity. Today the church is Trinitarian and that is shown in the Fundamental Beliefs of the church. And we can see from what we have already



had a look at, that the Spirit of Prophecy calls this doctrine the Omega of deadly heresies.

But what I want to have a look at today is how was the Omega that was shown through the Spirit of Prophecy instituted into the Adventist church? How did it get there in the first place if it wasn't there originally? How did it develop?

We know that Satan is very subtle in the way that he works, that he cannot introduce something like this openly straight away because of the opposition that he would receive. So what does he do? He does it stealthfully, step by step. This is what we are going to look at here – The Steps to Apostasy. How did Satan bring that in?

We will start at the 1919 Bible Conference. I want you to notice the date of this Bible Conference. It was very shortly after the death of Ellen White. What did she warn? She said “Great things shall come to pass after I am gone; “and “the omega would follow in a little while.” Here is where it started to happen.

If we have a look at history we will see that shortly after the death of Ellen White, the Bible Conference was “Great things onvened. During that conference, there was a series of studies given by W.W. Prescott entitled ‘The Person of Christ’ and these studies promoted Trinitarianism into the church. They were not universally received though by the church delegates, as we know from the fact that there were still many people who still believed in the truth as set out by the pioneers. The discussion that followed his presentations became quite intense and heated, so the General Conference President A.G. Daniells attempted to calm the discussion by stating the following:

*“We are not going to take a vote on trinitarianism or arianism, but we can think.” (Transcript from the 1919 Bible Conference)*

So we can see that already, as soon as the prophet was off the stage, Satan was trying to infiltrate this doctrine into the Seventh Day Adventist church and it started in the 1919 Bible Conference.

The next part we will have a look at is that ‘books of a new order will be introduced’. We will look at the book ‘The Coming of

the Comforter'. This book was written by Leroy Froom and here we see what it says:

*"May I here make a frank personal confession? When, back between 1926 and 1928, I was asked by our leaders to give a series of studies on the Holy Spirit, covering the North American union ministerial institutes of 1928, I found that, aside from priceless leads found in the Spirit of Prophecy, there was practically nothing in our literature setting forth a sound Biblical exposition in this tremendous field of study. There were no previous pathfinding books on the question in our literature." (1928 The Coming of the Comforter)*

That's really interesting. What is Elder Froom admitting here? When he started to study the doctrine of the Trinity to give this series of studies, he said he could find "no pathfinding books on the question in our literature." Why is it that this man could not find any literature in the Adventist church at the time on the doctrine of the Trinity, in support of the doctrine of the Trinity? It's because they were non-Trinitarians and that no-one had actually written books of that nature before inside the Seventh Day Adventist church. All he could find was some 'priceless leads', but nothing of a pathfinding nature so obviously he was looking in the wrong place. What does he go on to admit?

*"I was compelled to search out a score of valuable books **written by men outside our faith**—those previously noted—for initial clues and suggestions, and to open up beckoning vistas to intensive personal study. Having these, I went on from there. But they were decided early helps. And scores, if not hundreds, could confirm the same sobering conviction that **some of these other men frequently had a deeper insight into the spiritual things of God than many of our own men** then had on the Holy Spirit and the triumphant life. It was still a largely obscure theme." (Movement of Destiny, p. 322)*

Where did Elder Froom admit that he got the literature of the Trinity from? - From men outside our faith. He couldn't get it from inside Adventism so he had to go outside of our faith – to Babylon. How can he get the truth from Babylon? It's not possible. It doesn't make any sense. He then continues on:

*“May I state that my book, **The Coming of the Comforter** was the result of a series of studies that I gave in 1927-1928 to ministerial institutes throughout North America. **You cannot imagine how I was pummeled by some of the old timers because I pressed on the personality of the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Godhead.** Some men denied that—still deny it. But the book has come to be generally accepted as standard (Letter of LeRoy Froom to Dr. Otto H. Christenson, October 27, 1960)*

What is Elder Froom admitting here? He’s admitting that when he gave these Institute studies he was pummeled by the old-timers. Who were the old timers? They were those who were still alive and believed in the truth about God and he was pummeled by them because he was pressing the personality of the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Godhead. Do you remember what we looked at originally where it says that the Spirit of Prophecy told people not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God? Here we have Froom trying to do the same thing over the personality of God and in particular the personality of the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Godhead. Froom was trying to introduce to the ministerial institutes the doctrine of the Trinity and the old timers stood up in opposition to this doctrine. But we can see that this is the way that Satan works, stealthfully, little by little steps of apostasy and notice that that was back then.

It continues on with the **1931 Statement of Beliefs**. I want you to notice that the doctrine still hadn’t been voted on up until this point, but Satan was trying to introduce it slowly. This was the first time that the doctrine was introduced into our doctrinal beliefs but very quietly.

I want you to notice Point 2 from the 1931 Statement of Beliefs:

*2. That the Godhead or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the work of redemption.”*

It is very interesting there. But I want to show you the difference between that and the original Statement of Beliefs which was originally formulated in 1872. This is that statement:

**A DECLARATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**  
**TAUGHT AND PRACTICED BY THE SEVENTH-DAY**  
**ADVENTISTS.**

*Steam Press of The Seventh-Day Adventist Publishing  
Association, Battle Creek, Mich.: 1872*

*I. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7.*

*II. That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist; that he took on him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race; that he dwelt among men full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in Heaven, where, with his own blood he makes atonement for our sins; which atonement so far from being made on the cross, which was but the offering of the sacrifice, is the very last portion of his work as priest according to the example of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in Heaven. See Lev. 16; Heb. 8:4, 5; 9:6, 7; c.*

Do you see the difference between that one and the previous one (1931 Statement of Beliefs)?

It is very clear, the difference we see between the two.

The first one introduces the word 'Trinity' – it says "the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father..... the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father..... And the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Godhead....."

But the 1872 Statement is very clear. It shows that there is one God, a personal spiritual being who is everywhere present by His representative, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God; and one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father.

So we can clearly see the difference between the two. But how was this 1931 Statement of Beliefs introduced into the Adventist church? The following is a statement that appeared in the Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual in 1933.

With the urging of the General Conference Statistical Secretary Edson Rogers, along with certain requests for a clarified statement from the field, a committee of four was appointed to oversee the preparation of a new Statement of Beliefs. The four chosen were Milton E. Kern, Francis M. Wilcox, Edwin R. Palmer, and Charles H. Watson. Wilcox was chosen by the other three to prepare the main draft. With the full knowledge and approval of the others, Wilcox gave his statement to Rogers who placed it in the 1931 Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook.

***This statement was not voted on by the General Conference.***

It was just introduced. Wilcox wrote it, and gave it to Rogers, who put it in the book; without ever consulting the church at all. Froom further states in his book:

*On January 14, 1942, the General Conference Committee voted that the (Wilcox) statement of "Fundamental Beliefs" be made available in leaflet form. It had appeared in our official Church Manual of 1933—similarly without formal adoption—and has been in each succeeding edition. It was therefore by common consent and not by formal voted acceptance that Wilcox's suggested "Fundamental Beliefs," . . . became our accepted Statement of Faith. (Movement of Destiny, p. 419 by Leroy Froom; emphasis in the original).*

We can see that Satan was subtly using this to introduce it into the Seventh Day Adventist church.

The next one –

### **1941 Baptismal Vow and New Hymnal**

A new baptismal vow was introduced in 1941 which included an affirmative statement of the candidates' belief of the Trinity. A committee of thirteen was appointed in 1941 to frame a uniform baptismal vow. Elder Branson was chairman and R. A. Anderson was the secretary.

So this was also subtly done, without the vote of the General Conference.

*"The task of this committee was to formulate a uniform Baptismal Covenant, and Vow, based on the 1931 'Fundamental Beliefs' statement in the Yearbook and Manual. It was also to point up a bit more sharply the First, Second, and Third Persons of the Godhead."* (Letter of L. E. Froom to R. A. Anderson, J. L. Shuler, D. E. Rebok, A. W. Peterson, W. G. Turner, J. E. Weaver, November 22, 1966).

It is interesting that this was also the same year that the church hymnal was introduced. The early song book of the Adventist church promoted the truth of God and Jesus Christ, but this new church hymnal was the first towards Trinitarian hymns in the hymnal. Sadly, as the Spirit of Prophecy said, the truths that were held fast by our early pioneers and writers would be accounted as error.

The next statement shows it really clearly. This is from Leroy Froom:

*".... the 'denomination [was] irrevocably committed to [the] basic Christian verities.'" (Movement of Destiny, p. 75).*

That means the Trinity basically in his own language.

But were there any that tried to stand up against this; were there any that still held out against this apostasy which was creeping in. Yes, there were some holdouts. In the early 1940s, there were some holdouts, especially Washburn and Longacre; holdouts who resisted this new theology.

### **Early 1940's Holdouts Washburn and Longacre**

One was a minister by the name of Elder J.S. Washburn who, in 1940, wrote a blistering attack on W.W. Prescott who had preached in Maryland. Prescott's sermon was 'The Coming One,'

which dealt with the Trinity, among other subjects. Washburn wrote this letter:

*“The doctrine of the Trinity is a cruel heathen monstrosity, removing Jesus from his true position of Divine Saviour and Mediator. Satan has taken some heathen conception of a three-headed monstrosity, and with deliberate intention to cast contempt upon divinity, has woven it into Romanism as our glorious God, an impossible, absurd invention. This monstrous doctrine transplanted from heathenism into the Roman Papal Church is seeking to intrude its evil presence into the teachings of the Third Angel’s Message.”*  
(Letter of J. S. Washburn to W. W. Prescott, April 24, 1940).

So, he was standing up against what Prescott was trying to introduce into the Seventh Day Adventist church. The significance here was that this was in 1940 and it shows that even then the trinity doctrine had not taken full control of the Adventist church; it still wasn’t fully accepted by the church. In fact Washburn’s letter, even though it was highly personal, went over so well that one General Conference President asked him for thirty two copies of this letter to distribute to the ministers in his conference to tell them what was going on and to warn them. So obviously there were other ministers who followed this as well.

Here’s another letter by the same man, J.S. Washburn:

*“Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have “come out of Babylon,” to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy? and the very **Omega of apostasy?**”*

Here we see Washburn using the same words that Ellen White warned about, that the Spirit of Prophecy warned about.

**The next step was the Revision of the book ‘Daniel and Revelation’ in 1944**

I've actually got a copy of the 1892 original version of this book. Being so old it is in a sad state of repair. What I've done is I've compared it to the 1944 version. We haven't got time here to go into all the changes made, there are too many, but notice the following example:

**1892 Original:** *To the Lamb, equally with the father who sits upon the throne, praise is ascribed in this song of adoration. Commentators, with great unanimity, have seized upon this as proof that Christ must be coeval with the Father; for otherwise say they, here would be worship paid to the creature which belongs only to the Creator. But this does not seem to be a necessary conclusion. The scriptures certainly clearly intimate that the existence of Christ had a beginning (John 1:1), which was not plainly so in the case of Father. See remarks on Revelation 3:14, where it is shown that Christ is not a created being. But while he does not possess a co - eternity of past existence with the Father, .....(p 409)*

**1944 Version:** *“To the Lamb, equally with the father who sits upon the throne, praise is ascribed in this song of adoration. Commentators, with great unanimity, have seized upon this as proof that Christ must be coeval with the Father; for otherwise, say they, here would be worship paid to the creature which belongs only to the Creator. But this does not seem to be a necessary conclusion. The Scriptures nowhere a speak of Christ as a created being, but on the contrary plainly state that he was begotten of the Father. See remarks on Revelation 3:14, where it is shown that Christ is not a created being) But while as the Son he does not possess a co – eternity of past existence with the Father ..... (p 430)*

The underlined statement in the 1892 original version has been completely taken out in the 1944 version and has been replaced by another statement, and in this new statement it doesn't say when he was begotten. Further, they have added in the words 'as the Son' totally changing the meaning of the statement altogether.

This is just one example, and there's many, many more, which shows really clearly how these things have been taken out or changed.



## **Publication of Evangelism in 1946.**

This book is a compilation of E. G. White statements compiled by Leroy Froom and many others with him with the specific purpose of introducing the Trinitarian doctrine into the Seventh Day Adventist church. Throughout the book there are statements taken out of their context that seem to say one thing, but when you look at the original context that they were written in, they are very clear what the Spirit of Prophecy was saying. There are also chapter heading and subject headings which insinuate a belief when it's not saying that in the text itself.

Leroy Froom admits this:

*"I am sure that we are agreed in evaluating the book, Evangelism as one of the great contributions in which the Ministerial Association had a part back in those days. You know what it did with men in the Columbia Union who came face to face with the clear, unequivocal statements of the Spirit of Prophecy on the Deity of Christ, personality of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, and the like. They either had to lay down their arms and accept those statements, or else they had to reject the Spirit of Prophecy. I know that you and Miss Kleuser and I had considerable to do with the selection of these things under the encouragement of men like Elder Branson who felt that the earlier concept of the White Estate brethren on this book Evangelism was not adequate (Letter of LeRoy Froom to Roy A. Anderson, January 18, 1966).*

So here Froom admits that they got together and selected statements with the deliberate intent to push the doctrine of the trinity and to silence those in the church like the "men in the Columbia Union" who still believed in the original teachings of the church.

## **Revision of Bible Readings for the Home Circle, 1949.**

Also, in 1949, Prof. D. E. Rebok was asked by the The Review and Herald to revise Bible Readings for the Home Circle. He eliminated the teaching that Jesus accepted the sinful nature of man as had been taught in the earlier edition on p. 174.

So the purpose of doing the revision was to remove the fact out of Bible Readings that Jesus accepted the sinful, fallen nature of man, thus removing the truth of his real human nature. And, here Bro. Froom admits that:

*“So the inaccurate note was deleted, and has remained out in all subsequent printings. Thus another error was removed through these revisions of the 1940’s, as concerned some of our standard and otherwise helpful books.” (Movement of Destiny, p. 428).”*

So what they are admitting here is that they went through all the early books, the ones that were in common use like ‘Bible Readings for the Home Circle’ and they took out statements that didn’t agree with what they had come to believe. We can see Satan’s plot! What did the Spirit of Prophecy say? It would continue and strengthen and develop.

### **1950 Call to Repentance**

In 1950 there was a *call to repentance* by two young men called Wieland and Short; and they tried, through re-examining the 1888 message, to show the church that they had gotten off the platform of truth. Sadly they missed the point on the Trinity themselves. But notice what they do say in this statement:

*“It is now abundantly evident that “we” have traveled the road of disillusionment since the Minneapolis meeting of 1888. Infatuation with false teachings has taken the place of clear, cogent, heaven-inspired truth, as regards “righteousness by faith.” By the hard, humiliating way of actual experience with counterfeits, Israel has brought herself to the time when she is ripe for disillusionment.” (1888 Re-Examined, 1950 ed. p. 202).*

So here these young men had seen the church wandering off. It says there: *“Infatuation with false teachings has taken the place of clear, cogent, heaven-inspired truth”* It is sad to see that but they could see it coming. Sadly they missed the main point – they didn’t see that it was the Trinity doctrine that was causing the problem.

### **1952 Bible Conference**

The next step was that they had a Bible Conference in 1952 to try to stem the tide.

Partly in response to the call of Wieland and Short in 1950, Elder William H. Branson convened the 1952 Bible Conference. It was the church's first Bible Conference since 1919 and only the second since 1888. While the theme was to be the righteousness of Christ, the messages never got to the root of the problem; namely, the Trinitarian view was never challenged.

So, even though they had a Bible Conference the real issue, the Trinity, was never challenged.

The next step was one of the worst.

### **1955, 1956 Seventh-day Adventist–Evangelical Conferences**

These conferences were held between prominent Evangelicals, Walter Martin, George E. Cannon, Donald Barnhouse and leaders of the Adventist Church, LeRoy Froom, Roy A. Anderson, Walter E. Read, and T. E. Unruh.

This was a really sad time for the Adventist Church. Evangelicals had come to the leaders of the Seventh Day Adventist church to challenge them on their previous teachings. This was the chance for the church to stand fast. What happened?

**Walter Martin** (who himself was an Evangelical minister) **addressing a group of Evangelical ministers in 1989** said the following:

*“The climate at that time [1955, 1956], Adventism was considered like Jehovah’s Witnesses, like Mormonism, like most of the major cultic structures of the day. . . .*

*When I first meet with L. E. Froom, he took me to task for about fifteen minutes on how I could ever possibly think that Adventism was a cult. “Adventism rings as true as steel,” I said. “Do you think Arius was a Christian?” And he was an excellent church historian and he said, “Of course he wasn’t a Christian; he denied the deity of Jesus Christ.” I said, “So did Ellen White.” Dr. Froom replied, “What!” I said, “Yes” and opened up a suitcase and produced at least twelve feet of Adventist publications stacked up and marked for Dr. Froom’s perusal, and for the perusal of the committee to check the sources in there.”*

How big is twelve feet? There wasn't just one or two! There was twelve feet of publications showing that Adventists were non-Trinitarian. What I disagree with there is the use of the word 'Arian' or 'semi-Arian.'

What does it do when someone labels you? What do people do when they label you with something? It doesn't have to be true, not true at all, but the label sticks, doesn't it? People like to put labels on other people. It's done as a derogatory thing. Were the views that Seventh Day Adventists had held to from the beginning Arian, or was it Biblical truth? It was Biblical truth. Labelling it as Arian is deceptive and labels can be very damaging. It continues on:

*"And they were in mortal shock, I might add, to think that it was as pervasive as it was. Mrs. White reversed herself later on very quickly and affirmed the doctrine of the Trinity very strongly and taught it. But she was influenced by Uriah Smith. She did deny the eternal deity of Christ at one time and relegated Him to the place of a second deity. That's why you were classified with the Jehovah's Witnesses early on because of the Arian emphasis in Adventism, and because of the fact that you affirmed Michael the Archangel to be Christ."*

I want you to remember at this point who the Spirit of Prophecy is – The Bible says that **the Spirit of Prophecy is the Testimony of Jesus**.

Does Jesus ever change? No. The Bible says "*.....I change not.....*" Malachi 3:6

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* Hebrews 13:8

Ellen White never changed her stance. She was given the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy; and the Spirit of Prophecy, when you compare Spirit of Prophecy quote with the Spirit of Prophecy quote, it did not change at all. It agrees 100% throughout, and there's no change or contradiction throughout. The quote continued:

*“Dr. Froom and the committee decided that they would peruse this material immediately. So we adjourned the meeting and they took all the materials with them, and I guess others, and went through the materials. They came back and said, **“Well, a great deal of these things you’re calling attention to are there, we agree, and we don’t agree with these statements. They do not reflect orthodox Adventist theology, and we reject it.”** I said, “Good, happy to hear that. Now can you fault us because we read this material, and it’s not peripheral issues we are talking about?”*  
Walter Martin addressing a group of Evangelical ministers in 1989

How sad is that statement. What did Froom and the other members say about the writings of the pioneers and the early writings of Ellen White? What did they say? - **“we don’t agree with these statements. They do not reflect orthodox Adventist theology, and we reject it.”**

How sad is that!

### **1971 – Movement of Destiny written by LeRoy Froom**

Movement of Destiny was a clear attempt to rewrite our history and present the growth of the Advent movement as being of an evangelical character from its roots. The book fully supported the Trinity and the continued compromises made in the 1950’s. Froom also took liberty to attack Wieland and Short for their observance of how the church had gotten off the track of truth as it was given in 1888.

Froom used that book to do it and continued to do it to bring in the compromises which started in the early 1950s

Next, moment of decision...

### **1980 – Statement of Beliefs**

The General Conference at Dallas in 1980 provided the laity a final opportunity to “meet” the Omega of deadly heresy. The main focus of the session was the development of a new Statement of Beliefs to replace the 1931 statement which had only undergone minor revisions. **The final product was an officially-voted statement that affirmed the Trinitarian teaching.** This statement

has since taken on the lion-like jaws of a creed. Those who are found not lining up are dis-fellowshipped!

How sad. How sad that is!

**In 1984 – pro-Trinitarian baptismal vow** was introduced

**In 1985 – New SDA Hymnal**

This one is very interesting. Just looking at one hymn, which is still the same as it was in the original versions.

### **Hymn 73 Holy, Holy, Holy**

This hymn was written by Reginald Heber specifically for the use on Trinity Sunday. The original version reads: *“God in three persons, blessed trinity.”*

This Hymn was changed by the early Seventh-day Adventist church and was found in the 1909 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, Christ in Song, and also in the 1941 SDA Church Hymnal to read:

*“God over all who rules eternity”* reflecting the church’s non-trinitarian beliefs.

Now it has been changed back in 1985 to the original version to reflect current Trinitarian teaching.

Notice that it was originally written by Heber specifically for the use on Trinity Sunday. It was originally written by a Trinitarian minister.

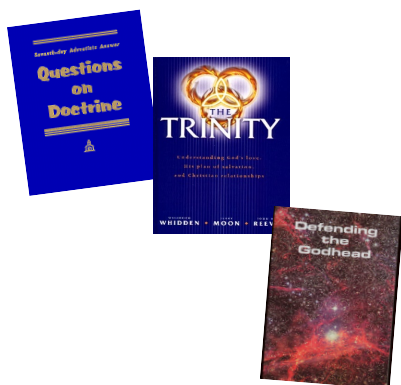
**Finally we have three other ones:**

1. *1988 – 27 Fundamentals book was published to confirm the Trinity doctrine*
2. *1992 – Issues (to challenge to Independent Ministries as to why they don’t hold to the teachings of the Adventist church)*
3. *2005 – 28 Fundamentals book was published, which continued on in the same vein.*

So here we’ve seen the prophecy of Ellen White and how the Spirit of Prophecy was fulfilled. We’ve seen that this apostasy is developing and increasing and waxing stronger and we’ve been

warned about it; and it's said that the Omega would become stronger and stronger. One of the things I would like to have a look at are some of the same arguments that were used during the Alpha and I want to trace them into the Omega and see what's happening today. In particular, I want to look at one area and that's 'books of a new order'. It says that '*books of a new order would be written.*'

Here we have three books which are circulating among the Adventist church.



1. 'Seventh Day Adventist Answer Questions on Doctrine', dealing specifically with the Trinity doctrine
2. 'The Trinity', written from Andrews University, is even stronger.
3. 'Defending the Godhead' written under a different name, but its following the same lines

The same problem is in all these three books.

I want to have a look at some statements, particularly from 'Defending the Godhead'. It shows how the Trinity doctrine is being infiltrated into the Seventh Day Adventist church.

*"It is of the highest significance that ... she always speaks of the Holy Spirit as a person, as a fully divine person ("the Third Person of the Godhead"); and she does not once speaks of Him as "it.""*  
Defending the Godhead, p. 153

This is a very interesting statement. Have you seen anything like it before? We'll have a look at this statement from the book side by side with virtually the same statement from the Alpha.

You can see the Alpha and the Omega side by side here, using almost exactly the same words. These are some of the books of the new order that have been introduced. They use the same arguments that Kellogg was using in the Alpha. We can see them again in the Omega.

Notice the following comparisons that clearly show this...

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| <p><i>It is of the highest significance that in this passage she always speaks of <b>the Holy Spirit as a person</b>, as a fully divine person (“<b>the Third Person of the Godhead</b>”); and she does not once speaks of Him as “it.”</i></p> <p><u><i>Defending the Godhead, p. 153</i></u></p> | <p><b><i>“Is the Holy Ghost a person?</i></b><br/><i>You say no. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun ‘he’ is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun ‘he’ and has said in so many words <b>that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead.</b>”</i></p> <p><u><i>John Harvey Kellogg</i></u></p> |
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Again:

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| <p><i>“Both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy say there is a Holy Spirit, that <b>He is an actual person</b>, and that <b>He is the Third person of the Godhead.</b>”</i></p> <p><u><i>Defending the Godhead, p. 171</i></u></p> | <p><b><i>“Is the Holy Ghost a person?</i></b><br/><i>You say no. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun ‘he’ is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun ‘he’ and has said in so many words that <b>the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead.</b>”</i></p> <p><u><i>John Harvey Kellogg</i></u></p> |
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As we can see the above statements are almost word for word. Sadly the author of the book ‘*Defending the Godhead*’ believes that those who are non-trinitarian do not believe in the Holy Spirit. But it’s not true. We do believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe fully that it is the person and presence of God and the person and presence of Christ. Romans 8:9. But, they use the same arguments when you see the Alpha and Omega side by side.



Notice again the same sentiments repeated from the Alpha to the Omega.

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| <p><b><i>“God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are each eternal, and one in nature and purpose, but not in being a single person.” Such a statement would be in full agreement with the Bible/ Spirit of Prophecy.</i></b></p> <p><u><i>Defending the Godhead, p. 91</i></u></p> | <p><i>He [Kellogg] told me that he now believed in</i></p> <p><b><i>God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost;</i></b></p> |
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Here again we see in the Alpha:

*He [Kellogg] told me that he now believed in **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost;***

And we see the same thing in the Omega:

***“God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are each eternal, and one in nature and purpose, but not in being a single person.” Such a statement would be in full agreement with the Bible/ Spirit of Prophecy. Defending the Godhead, p. 91***

Is that statement true? NO, it's not true. The Spirit of Prophecy said: *“God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.”* Her writings do not support that doctrine.

Some people seem to think that just because people like this use quotes that it must be right; but Ellen White has already shown us that just because somebody uses Spirit of Prophecy quotes, it doesn't mean that they are right, especially if they are taken out of context.

***“In the book Living Temple there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.”***  
*Selected Messages Book 1, p. 200*

Here we see it clearly. We don't have time to go into all the areas that it shows but it says there that it will be received; and it has been received, and it's waxing stronger and stronger, developing and strengthening as we see time is getting shorter. And, this is not a coincidence. This is happening according to prophecy and it's being received and taught right in front of our eyes.

This is why we need this particular statement from the Spirit of Prophecy:

*"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history."*  
{RH, October 12, 1905 par. 22}

Sadly the church has forgotten how the Lord has led us in our past history and they have wandered off into steps of apostasy.

I'll just go back to our original statement that we were having a look at:

*One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. **We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now.**"* Testimonies for the Church Containing Messages of Warning and Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists, p. 57, December 4, 1905

This is vitally important. We need to go back to the truths that were delivered to the people of God. It says there that **there must not be any languishing of the soul now**. We need now, more than

ever before, the truths that were laid down on that solid foundation because God had placed them there by the master worker, by Christ Himself. And they will stand storm and tempest.

*“He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim this truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided; but **the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine.**” Selected Messages Book 1, p. 201*

Many will criticise and scorn and deride us for proclaiming this truth but the closer it is examined and tested the brighter it will shine. And it will shine brighter and brighter until the Coming of Christ. As this other apostasy strengthens and strengthens, the greater will be God’s truth and the brighter it will shine, brighter and brighter.

That is our task, to examine the truths that God has set down for His people and on that solid firm foundation that was set by the Master Worker.

Here we have examined the Alpha and Omega of deadly heresy. We have seen that the deadly heresy is alive and well in the church today under the Omega of deadly heresies and it’s up to God’s people to stand and be counted for the truth that was first delivered to the saints.

