

The Godhead Study

Truth Seekers

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John 16:13 KJV

Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

1 Peter 3:15 KJV

but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an **answer**
to every man that asketh you a reason
of the hope that is in you with
meekness and fear.

This study is my answer on this topic!

The term **Trinity** is not used in the Bible therefore will not be used in this study, and shouldn't be used in our conversations on this doctrine. This is not biblical language.

The first recorded use of the word "Trinity" in Christian theology that I could find was by *Theophilus of Antioch* around 180 C.E. He used the Greek term "Trias" meaning "a set of three" or "the number three" to describe God, his Word, and his Wisdom. This term therefore, is outside the canon of scripture, and should not be used for this reason. It is a made up word.

The term **Godhead** however, is used three times in the new testament in the KJV. There may be more, but these are the verses I found,

Acts 17:29 KJV

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Romans 1:20 KJV

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse.

Colossians 2:9 KJV

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.

The Greek word translated Godhead is theiotēs | θεός which means divinity, divine nature, God. Used also in the Bible to refer to pagan gods, see Acts 14.11 for example. So the context is obviously important.

The Greek root of this word speaks to the **nature of God**, which is what we want to explore in this study. The English translation of this Greek word, Godhead, comes from the Middle English godhede, or **godhood**. Implying a covering, or encapsulation of the head, or containment for divinity. And also certainly implying a mystery or a concealment of sorts. And that there is more than one.

godhood



in American English

(ˈɡɑːdhud)

noun

divine character or condition; divinity

[John Wycliffe](#) introduced the term *godhede* into English [Bible](#) versions in two places, and, though somewhat archaic, the term survives in [modern English](#) because of its use in three places of the [Tyndale New Testament](#) (1525), the [Geneva Bible](#) (1560/1599), and [King James Version](#) (1611). In that translation, the word was used to translate three different [Koine Greek](#) words:^[3]

The King James Version of the Bible, **which is the only divinely inspired English translation**, use of this word, makes it clear that God is not just singular, monotheism, but there is more to the nature of God, as we will see throughout the study. But it's first

important to *humble ourselves* and realize the fact that,

GOD IS A MYSTERY

Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways **higher than your ways**, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV

“The **secret things** belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are *revealed* belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

1 Timothy 3:16 KJV

And without controversy great is the **mystery of godliness**: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Ephesians 3:9-11 KJV

And to make all men see what is the *fellowship of the **mystery***, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be **known** by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Ephesians 6:19 KJV

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make *known* the **mystery of the gospel**,

"In the natural world we are constantly surrounded with mysteries that we cannot fathom.... Should we then be surprised to find that in the spiritual world also there are mysteries that we cannot fathom?" *Steps to Christ*, 106

The mysteries of the Bible ... are among the strongest evidences of its divine inspiration. If it contained no account of God but that which we could comprehend; if His greatness and majesty could be grasped by finite minds, then the Bible would not, as now, bear the unmistakable evidences of divinity.... The more we search the Bible, the deeper is our conviction that it is the word of the living God, and human reason bows before the majesty of divine revelation. ³¹Education, 170.

Christ will lead the redeemed ones beside the river of life, and will open to them that which while on this earth they could not understand. ³²SDA Bible Commentary 5:1124.

Acts of the Apostles, 51-52

My 1970 version

is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, "He shall not speak of Himself." John 15:26; 16:13.

The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.

The office of the Holy Spirit is distinctly specified in the words of Christ: "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John

Definition of **Nature**,

3 a : **DISPOSITION, TEMPERAMENT**

it was his *nature* to look after others

— F. A. Swinnerton

her romantic *nature*

b : the inherent character or basic constitution (see **CONSTITUTION** sense 2) of a person or thing : **ESSENCE**

the *nature* of the controversy

The **nature** of a person is everything that they are.. their identity, character, history, personality, talents, etc. *Everything* about them, their very essence, as the definition of the word shows.

1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Isaiah 57:15 KJV

For thus saith the high and lofty One
that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is
Holy;

"If we as finite sinful human beings
could perfectly and completely explain
God, he would not be God. We would be
gods ourselves." NM Fontaine

However, being **incomprehensible**
doesn't mean being **unintelligible**. Or
unknowable, at least as far as we need
to understand for salvation this side of
heaven. God reveals Himself to us in
the Bible as far as we need to know.

Ephesians 1:17 KJV

the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give unto you the
spirit of wisdom and revelation in the
knowledge of him.

The Bible does provide a fundamental

explanation, or paints a picture of what God is like. His nature and even composition. And it is indeed deep and complex! As it should be.

GOD EXISTS IN COMMUNITY

If you could sum up God in one word what would it be?

1 John 4:16 KJV

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love;** and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

LOVE ❤️

I contend true love is more than just a concept or a theology. Love is expressed, it's shown, it's *demonstrated*. And it is known, if we know God. Not only known but *experienced*.. "dwelleth"

Rev 21.3

**Here's some biblical ways God's love is
made known to us,**

1 John 4:12 KJV

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

love your enemies

John 15:12-13 KJV

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus died for us

Mark 10:45 KJV

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

a life of service

Community shows God's love



Acts 2:46-47 KJV

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

John 17:21 KJV

that they all may be **one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be **one** in us: that the *world may believe* that thou hast sent me.

God has designed it this way

Revelation 21:3 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will **dwelt with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

This is my favorite verse in the Bible. And it shows us *dwelling together* with God forever as a community. End game!

Selfless love demonstrated in community, in family. In this thought is the **Godhead**. God has always, from eternity past to eternity future, lived and existed in community.

THE GODHEAD EXISTS IN UNITY

The biblical Godhead can be defined as separate and distinct divine Beings *perfectly* **united** in love, purpose and family. **One God in the sense of unity, not literally.**

Ellen White describes this same **unity in believers, within the Church**. We are created in God's image (Gen 1.27) which includes the capacity for divine unity, love and commitment to ea other,

Ministry of Healing, 422

"The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. **In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but**

not in person. By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a *partaker of the divine nature*. Christ brings His disciples into a living union with Himself and with the Father. Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. **Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another.** This unity is the most *convincing proof* to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ, and of His power to take away sin."

In the same way, the members of the **Godhead** exist in this divine unity.

John 10:30 KJV

I and my Father are one.

John 16:14 KJV

He (the Holy Spirit) shall glorify me (Jesus): for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you (the Church)

IS THIS TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE?

That's the only question that matters

1 John 5:7 KJV

For there are **three** that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: **and these three are one.**

One God

Deuteronomy 6:4 KJV

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is **one** LORD.

Hebrew "Lord" : **Yah·weh** = proper name for God the Father.

Hebrew "God" : **e·lo·hei·nu** = divinity, divine nature, God. The equivalent word in *Greek* for theiotēs means divinity, divine nature, God = translated "Godhead" in the KJV.

Ephesians 4:4-7 KJV

There is **one** body, and **one** Spirit, even as ye are called in **one** hope of your calling; **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **one** God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every **one** of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

There are dozens of verses in the Bible that specifically says there is but **one God**, or that God is one. Google it, check it out. So how do we reconcile these two ideas.. one God or multiple divine individuals in the Godhead?

It's all about Unity!

2 Corinthians 13:14 KJV

The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of the **Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.

Here is part of the mystery: How can there be 3 yet 1? Or for that matter, how could there be 2 yet 1? The Bible clearly says God is One. It's a mystery! Like how can Jesus be 100% God and 100% man at the same time? How can the Son be the **literal** Son, but be from eternity? Proverbs 8.23, 12TMs 101. We don't really know, but we take the Word of God in **faith**. Consider Ellen White's counsel,

“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.

THE HIGHEST INTELLECT MAY TAX
ITSELF UNTIL IT IS WEARIED OUT IN
CONJECTURES REGARDING THE
NATURE OF GOD, BUT THE EFFORT
WILL BE FRUITLESS. THIS PROBLEM
HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN US TO SOLVE.

NO HUMAN MIND CAN
COMPREHEND GOD. NONE ARE
TO INDULGE IN SPECULATION
REGARDING HIS NATURE. HERE
SILENCE IS ELOQUENCE.”

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

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Well said. Even though we can't fully *comprehend* God, we **are to study the Bible** and grasp His nature as best as we can, without offering speculation, or our opinion, or judgment on those who see it differently.

When I study it honestly, I see the Bible being clear there are indeed **three at work**. All 3 are shown in the Bible working together. Most Christians agree there is 3, the Bible is clear on that. The question is.. Is the **Holy Ghost** a divine person, or only the spirit of the Father or Son? We will see what the Bible says!

Again, the **Godhead** is not one God literally in composition, but one only in the sense of **unity**. Working together. Ellen White calls the Father and Son, associates or co-workers,

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS

The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the total eradication of sin, is also a demonstration of God's unchanging love.

The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had **an associate—a co-worker** who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty

Just because we only see the Father and Son here, doesn't mean the Holy Ghost isn't a part of the Godhead. **We have to consider the whole of scripture.** This will be a constant theme in this study.

THE GODHEAD IN THE BIBLE

Here they are working together,

@creation

Genesis 1:1-2 KJV

[1] In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth. [2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:26 KJV

And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness:

@incarnation

Matthew 1:18 KJV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the **Holy Ghost**.

@mission

Isaiah 6:8 KJV

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will

go for **us**? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Granted, this could be two (plural "us") but it could just as easily be three 😊
The following verses shows that it is indeed three not two working together,

@mission

Matthew 28:19 KJV

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the *name* of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**:


The Greek for the word name is **onoma**, meaning "name, character, fame, reputation" Therefore, each has a character. Therefore each is a person.

Some scholars say this verse shouldn't be in the Bible, but this is simply not true. **Ellen White** backs up the validity of this important verse here, and in

hundreds of places in her writings,

"Clothed with boundless authority, He gave His commission to the disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," "baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19, 20, R. V. Desire of Ages, page 819

Why would God's prophet include a verse that's not supposed to be in the Bible hundreds of times?

Ask me for my deeper historical dive into this important Bible verse 

@baptism

Mark 1:9-11 KJV

And it came to pass in those days, that **Jesus** came from Nazareth of Galilee,

and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the **Spirit** like a dove descending upon him: and there came a **voice** from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



@salvation

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV

Now he which stablisheth us with you in **Christ**, and hath anointed us, is **God**; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the **Spirit** in our hearts.

@the church

Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV

There is one body, and one **Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; [5] one **Lord**, one faith, one baptism, [6] one **God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The divine unity is clearly seen here.

@prayer

Ephesians 2:18 KJV

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

We pray to the Father through the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus.

@the beginning of eternity

Revelation 22:6 KJV

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the **Lord God** of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Revelation 22:16 KJV

I **Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:17 KJV

And the **Spirit** and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

If the Spirit is only the spirit of the Father or Son, why would it need to be still around when we are **face to face** with God after the Great Controversy has ended? 🤔

But not always mentioned together,

John 3:16 KJV

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 10:30 KJV

I and my Father are one.

But just because the **Holy Ghost** is left out in places, doesn't mean there's only two. There are plenty of verses only speaking of the Son, does that mean there's not a Father?

John 16:14 KJV

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Holy Spirit + the Son. No Father seen here, does He not exist?

We must consider the whole of scripture for our theology.

ONE IN PURPOSE

SEPARATE RESPONSIBILITIES

1 Peter 1:1-2 KJV

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, through **sanctification** of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the **blood** of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

- ≡ ○ Father = foreknowledge
- ≡ ○ Son = blood sacrifice
- ≡ ○ Spirit = sanctification

God the Father

"The Only True God" *John 17.3*

All throughout Scripture, God the Father is described as the overseer of all, the source of everything, the source of life,

Exodus 3:15 KJV

And God said moreover unto Moses,
Thus shalt thou say unto the children of
Israel, The LORD God (Yahweh יהוה
YHWH) your fathers, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God
of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is
my name for ever, and this is my
memorial unto all generations.

This is the first use in the Bible of the **Father's** proper name. Here it is in the Greek,

Matthew 11:25 KJV

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord (Greek, Kurios) of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

And this is
LIFE ETERNAL
that they might know Thee
the
ONLY TRUE
GOD
and
JESUS CHRIST
whom Thou hast sent.

John 17:3 KJV

"The mysteries of the Godhead are
given to the humble and teachable. Not
to the proud or those with an agenda."

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God the Son

Is described in the Bible as our creator, our sacrifice, Saviour, advocate, friend, brother, judge, returning king. He came in the flesh not only to die and pay for our sins, but also to reveal the Godhead's true nature of unselfish love. God with us. Jesus Christ is, and has always been the **literal** Son of God the Father. This is *not* a metaphor,

Isaiah 12:2 KJV

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD **JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.
(YESHUA)

Matthew 1:21 KJV

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Romans 5:1 KJV

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 2:7 KJV

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I **begotten** thee.

Proverbs 8:22-23 KJV

[22] The LORD **possessed me** in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. [23] I was set up from **everlasting**, from the beginning, Or ever the earth was.

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God made real and personal in our lives. He is God actually living inside of us. Our teacher, guide, convictor (conscience), comforter, our

power, conviction. He is the actuator. He gets things done on behalf of the three!

It's true, He is not called "God the Holy Spirit" in the Bible, but neither is the Son. No one prays to the HS but no one prays to the Son either. But for both, plenty of verses show their **divine natures** as we will discuss in this study.

Not many deny the Father and Son, but the Holy Spirit is an enigma. Some see Him as an *impersonal force or influence* from God, others deny His very existence (modalist) and others are not certain who or what the Holy Spirit is.

However, the Bible is very clear on this matter; the Holy Spirit is a **Person**, the Third Person of the Godhead. Ellen White clearly states this fact in the *Desire of Ages*, page 671. And agrees in this 1899 statement speaking of the

opening of Avondale College in
Australia,

“We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that the **Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person**, is walking through these grounds, that the Lord God is our keeper, and helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind.”
Manuscript Releases, 66, 1899

Notice she makes a *clear distinction* between the Holy Spirit and God the Father.

A person is a person,

Dictionary

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per·son

/ˈpɜːs(ə)n/

noun

1. a human being regarded as an individual.

"the porter was the last person to see her"

Desire of Ages, 671

abundant
the highest of His people
exaltation of His people
rating agent, and without this
of no avail. The power of evil had
and the submission of men to this
n could be resisted and overcome only
the **third person of the Godhead**,
ergy, but in the fulness of divine power
that has been wrought out
that the heart is made
of the divine
all

Plus dozens of other published statements made later in her life. Some are towards the end of this study for your consideration.

To state that a **person** isn't really a person but is the spirit of *another* person, does not make sense, and would make the Word of God confusing and misleading.

THE REASONS I BELIEVE IN THE BIBLICAL GODHEAD

The **Holy Spirit** is presented in the Bible as a real, tangible, separate individual. Just like the Father and Son are.

It's as simple as that. Yes, He is described as a force or a spirit in places, as we will discuss, but He is more than

that as presented in the Bible.

He is a Person.

From my close examination of numerous Bible texts, if God is simply describing a mirroring, reflective force or spirit that is in actuality Himself or His Son, **then the Bible is terribly misleading.** Why would God present the Godhead as three when it's not? I just don't see God leading people intentionally into confusion like this on something this important. Have a hard time seeing God as Babylon! Making the Holy Ghost *appear* in scripture to be a divine individual, when He is not? That is misleading and confusing to me.

And why would God even use the term **Godhead**? Why not just say "the only true God and his Son"? Or similar. The term Godhead itself implies something beyond only Father-Son.

Some would say to this point, "narrow is the road and only a few find it" or we have to dig for truth like a hidden treasure, or wrestle with God like Jacob to get to the truth. Or you're "not spiritual enough" to get it, "you need spiritual eyes". All perhaps true in the right context, but on this topic God would certainly *make it plain and clear*. But yet it appears to me to be debatable from the Bible. There are legit points on both sides, but I feel the **weight of evidence** is clearly on the side of 3 not 2

So if you study it for yourself and come to different conclusions than others, just know that these arguments are the height of **gaslighting**. Don't fall for such tactics, this is not of God.

So to me, the logical conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is just as presented! A divine Person. **Occam's Razor** is true,

and it states that "the simplest answer is usually the right answer". And it doesn't matter at all if the majority believes it or not, Truth is truth. Follow the truth regardless!

Complicated and mysterious isn't always good. **Conspiracy theories aren't always right** just because few believe them. Gnosticism was all about complicated and secret knowledge that only a few knew. None of this was of God. The plain reading of scripture is simple and best.

THE HOLY GHOST IS A PERSON

The **Holy Ghost** is presented as a separate Person throughout Scripture,

[John 16:13-14 KJV](#)

[Howbeit when **he**, the Spirit of truth, is](#)

come, **he** will guide you into all truth: for **he** shall not speak of **himself**; but whatsoever **he** shall hear, that shall **he** speak: and **he** will shew you things to come. **He** shall glorify me: for **he** shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

- ≡ ○ He (not it) mentioned 9x here
- ≡ ○ A personal pronoun is presented
- ≡ ○ Why not use *IT everytime* if the Spirit is just a force?
- ≡ ○ Why confuse?
- ≡ ○ "not speak of himself" implies personal, individual. Implies there is another Person *besides* the HS
- ≡ ○ He reveals/guides truth > Jesus
- ≡ ○ Intimately connected > Father "what he hears"
- ≡ ○ He can hear, listen.. and speak
- ≡ ○ Reveals the future > prophecy
- ≡ ○ Ultimately glorifies the Son

≡ ○ United in purpose > redemption of man "show it unto you"

Here is how this verse **might read** in the RNTV (revised non trin version lol)
If this is only referring to the spirit of Jesus Christ,

John 16:13-14 RNTV

Howbeit when I, the Spirit of truth, is come, I will guide you into all truth: for I shall not speak of **myself**; but whatsoever I shall hear, that shall I speak: and I will shew you things to come. I shall glorify **my Father**: for I shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Why would the Bible seek to confuse us intentionally? **It doesn't!** That's the point, and why there's 3 not 2 in the Godhead.

John 16:7-8 KJV

[7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is

expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. [8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment

- ≡ ○ The HS is literally described here *by Jesus* as a separate being..
Comforter vs I (Jesus)
- ≡ ○ Jesus defines the HS's role with us.. Comforter.
- ≡ ○ He convicts of sin, only God can do this, therefore Divine
- ≡ ○ Again, why would Jesus present the Comforter as someone separate if it's really Himself?

Here is how this verse might read in the RNTV. Of course it doesn't, therein lies the problem,

John 16:7-8 RNTV

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **I, the Comforter**, will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send **my Spirit** unto you.

Why would the Bible seek to confuse us intentionally? It doesn't! That's why there's 3 not 2 in the Godhead.

BIBLICAL INTERCESSION
FORGIVENESS IS A PROCESS

And involves **all three of the Godhead**. To use a human example, it's like a relay race.

The **Holy Spirit** convicts us of sin in partnership and cooperation with the **Father and Son**. They all work together.. repentance, to mediation, to forgiveness.. for the salvation of

mankind. It's a **team effort**, like our Fundamental beliefs describe. We see the responsibilities of each in the Bible,

The **Holy Ghost** starts the process
Greek 'elenxei' = expose, convict.. of sin
See *Acts of the Apostles*, 53

John 16:8 KJV

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:



The sinner repents in prayer

This is a prayer of faith and repentance,

1 John 1:9 KJV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



The Holy Ghost translates and delivers

Interceed = entunchanein, plead on behalf,

The Holy Spirit pleads on behalf of the saints from **earth**.

Romans 8:26-27 KJV

[26] Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh **intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
[27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh **intercession** for the saints according to the will of God.

Ellen White statements on the Holy Spirit's work in the forgiveness process,

Likewise the **Spirit** also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **Romans 8:26.**

We must not only pray in Christ's name, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This explains what is meant when it is said that the **Spirit** "maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered." Such prayer God delights to answer. When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." **22Christ's Object Lessons, 147.**

The Holy Spirit will be given to those who seek for its power and grace and will help our infirmities when we would have an audience with God. Heaven is open to our petitions, and we are invited to come "boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (**Hebrews 4:16**). We are to come in faith, believing that we shall obtain the very things we ask of Him. **23The Signs of the Times, April 18, 1892.**



The Father receives it

He knew it even before you prayed it,

Psalm 6:9 KJV

The LORD hath heard my supplication;
The LORD will receive my prayer.



The Father gives it to the Son for

intercession, atonement (payment) and
forgiveness in the heavenly sanctuary

Hebrews 7:25 KJV

Wherefore he is able also to save them
to the uttermost that come unto God by
him, seeing he ever liveth to make
intercession for them.

Matthew 9:1-2 KJV

[1] And he entered into a ship, and
passed over, and came into his own city.

[2] And, behold, they brought to him a
man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed:
and Jesus seeing their faith said unto
the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good
cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Romans 5:11 KJV

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Only the Son made the atonement.

John 1:29 KJV

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.



"The intercession *of Christ* in our behalf

in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven."
The Great Controversy, 489

"Christ proclaims Himself our Intercessor. He would have us know that He has graciously engaged to be our Substitute. He places His merit in the golden censer to offer up with the prayers of His saints, so that the prayers of His dear children may be mingled with the fragrant merit of Christ as they ascend to the Father in the cloud of incense. The Father hears every prayer of His contrite children. The voice of supplication from the earth unites with the voice of **our Intercessor, who pleads in heaven,** whose voice the Father always hears. Let our prayers therefore continually ascend to God. Let them not come up in the name of any

human being, but in the name of Him who is our Substitute and Surety. Christ has given us His name to use."

In Heavenly Places, 79

The Son of God pleads on behalf of the saints from **heaven**. The Holy Spirit pleads on behalf of the saints from **earth**.

As we can see, all **three** are involved in the process. Perfectly united in the plan of salvation! It's a beautiful thing ❤️

Continuing...

From the sinners perspective, the sin is forgiven and.. gone gone,

Psalm 103:12 KJV

As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

From the Great Controversy perspective, the sin is applied to the heavenly sanctuary by the Son, where His own blood covers it,
See Levitus 16

"As anciently the sins of the people were by faith placed upon the sin offering and through its blood transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary, so in the new covenant the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary." *Patriarchs & Prophets, 421*

The sin is finally placed where it came from.. On Satan, eventually destroyed forever! Satan is the scapegoat from Lev 16

Leviticus 16:22 KJV
and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited:

and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

Revelation 20:2 KJV

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Revelation 20:14 KJV

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The Great Controversy, 1888 version, Ch 28

As the priest, in removing the sins from the sanctuary, confessed them upon the head of the scape-goat, so Christ will place all these sins upon Satan, the originator and instigator of sin. The scape-goat, bearing the sins of Israel, was sent away "unto a land not inhabited;" [Lev 16:22] so Satan, bearing the guilt of all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit, will be for a thousand years confined to the earth, which will then be desolate, without inhabitant, and he will at last suffer the full penalty of sin, in the fires that shall destroy all the wicked. 12

RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE GODHEAD

The Holy Ghost personally directs church affairs. *Only a person directs*

Acts 13:2 KJV

As they ministered to the Lord, and

fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

The Holy Ghost speaks, like a person
Only a person speaks

This one verse from the Bible would be terribly misleading if the Holy Ghost isn't a separate divine Being 📌 God isn't in the business of being misleading

I Corinthians 12:11 NKJV

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Again, an individual is presented here distributing spiritual gifts. If this is just the Father speaking of himself, it seems intentionally misleading and confusing.

The Holy Ghost has a mind to reason
Only a person has a mind

Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the **mind of the Spirit is**, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- ≡ ○ Shown here as separate from the Father: intercession according to God's will
- ≡ ○ Why would the Father intercede with Himself? Greek "entunchanei" is *intercede* which means "to confer with"
- ≡ ○ He knows our hearts, only God knows this, He is divine.
- ≡ ○ Notice the Spirit has a mind (Greek "phroneo") which means

thoughts. "He who searches hearts" is the Father. Clearly separate from the Spirit.

The Holy Ghost knows God

Separate and distinct

1 Corinthians 2:10 KJV

But **God** hath revealed them unto us by his **Spirit**: for the **Spirit** searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of **God**.

- ≡ ○ This implies an intimate *connection* with God the Father, not that it's the same thing as the Father. Big difference!
- ≡ ○ Why would the Father search Himself? This would be misleading if it were so

SPIRIT OF JESUS

SPIRIT OF GOD

Factoid: 12x that I could find the Holy Ghost is referred to as "the Spirit of Christ, Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of Jesus, Spirit of God" or some variation,

Philippians 1.19

Galatians 4.6

Rom 8.2. 9-11, 14

2 Cor 3.17-18

1 Peter 1.11

1 Cor 3.16

Luke 4.18

Isaiah 61.1

Eph 4.30

Job 33.4

Even more with other translations.

But also numerous times He is referred to as "**The** Holy Ghost" and "he" or "him" which is a *personal pronoun*, implying a separate person doing the action.

This is a **fence post** that needs to be straightened, because there is way more biblical evidence that He is a Divine separate Being, instead of just a force or spirit of the other two.

Instead of these phrases leading to confusion or contradiction, it's best to understand the references of "Spirit of Christ or of God" or the "omnipresence of Christ" (EGW) to simply show their **intimately connected natures** and working together. The Father or the Son indeed "sends" the Holy Ghost to do the work of redemption on behalf of them all. "Of" is a preposition, and means "expressing the relationship between a part and a whole". This is exactly the description of the Godhead.. three (the

parts) expressing the relationship of the whole, the Godhead. All with the same objective and **on behalf of them all**. The Holy Ghost is a **representative** Person by nature, so He represents both, on behalf of them all (John 15.26). That I believe is what the inspired writers of the Bible had in mind. Therefore the doctrine of the **three perfectly united in the Godhead** has its *origins in the Bible*. Not the Catholic Church as implied by some seeking only to spin the narrative.



“**Christ** determined that when **he** ascended from this earth, **he** would bestow **a gift** on those who had believed on **him**, and those who should believe on **him**. What **gift** could **he** bestow rich enough to signalize and grace **his** ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of **his greatness and his royalty**. **He** determined to give **his representative, the third person of the Godhead**. This **gift** could not be excelled. **He** would give **all gifts in one**, and therefore **the divine Spirit**, that converting, enlightening and sanctifying **power**, would be **his** donation.”

Ellen G. White
Southern Watchman, November 28, 1905, par. 2

"to give His **representative**, the third person of the Godhead"

INTIMATELY CONNECTED

STILL SEPARATE

This **intimate connection** between the 3 is biblical and can be clearly seen in this verse, Jesus speaking,

John 14:10 KJV

Believest thou not that I am **in the Father**, and the **Father in me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the **Father that dwelleth in me**, he doeth the works.

Almost like they are **one**, but yet they are separate and distinct, just like the Holy Spirit.

Not literally "in" Jesus, except through the indwelling Holy Spirit (Luke 4.1) because the Father and Son are separate and distinct divine Persons,

just like the Spirit. But they are **intimately connected** to each other through perfect love, purpose and unity.

Here are some examples from the Gospels of this unity and cooperation, yet still separate,

Read John 15:26, The Holy Spirit speaks for the Son and is sent by the Father.

Read John 15:26, The Son speaks for the Father and is sent by the Father.

Read John 12:49, the Father testifies of the Son.

Read Luke 3:22, the Spirit testifies of the Son.

All uniquely separate, yet perfectly united. To me this is a very reasonable and biblical explanation of the various

"God's spirit" verses.

PRESENTED AS A PERSON

Everywhere in scripture,

The Holy Ghost Loves

Only a Person loves

All 3 seen here

Romans 15:30 KJV

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the
Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the
love of the **Spirit**, that ye strive together
with me in your prayers to **God** for me;

The Holy Ghost can be grieved

Like a person!

Isaiah 63:10 KJV

But they rebelled, and **vexed** his holy
Spirit: therefore he was turned to be
their enemy, and he fought against

them.

Ephesians 4:30 KJV

And **grieve** not the holy Spirit of God,
whereby ye are sealed unto the day of
redemption.

The Holy Ghost can be lied to

Like a person!

Acts 5:3 KJV

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan
filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**,
and to keep back part of the price of the
land?

Think about it.. If the Holy Spirit isn't a
seperate divine Being, why is He
presented here as such? Why wouldn't it
just say "lie to God"? The Word is
making a *clear distinction* between them

The Holy Ghost lives inside of believers

This is His responsibility in the Godhead

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the **temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

≡ ○ Given as a gift *from* the Father.

≡ ○ Again, something separate from the Father is given.

His ways are higher than ours

John 3:8 KJV

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the **Spirit**.

≡ ○ It's the Holy Spirit that makes a new life in Christ possible.

≡ ○ This also speaks to the mystery

of the Holy Spirit, as discussed earlier.

Separate, yet distinct

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 KJV

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, but the same **Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God** which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

DISTINCT NAMES

Matthew 28:19 KJV

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** (Greek onoma meaning authority, character, nature) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Why would three be presented here in this important statement from **Jesus** if there's really only two? It would make the Word confusing and misleading.

The Father

Deuteronomy 4:35 NKJV

To you it was shown, that you might know that the **Lord Himself is God**; there is none other besides Him.

Lord = Yah·weh (Hebrew)

God = ha·'e·lo·him (Hebrew)

The Son

Matthew 1:21 KJV

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Yehoshua/Jehoshua, contracted to

Joshua which means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation". See *Isaiah 12.2*

Isaiah 7:14 KJV

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel** ("God with us")

The Holy Spirit

Romans 8:1 KJV

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

Greek "pneuma" means wind. So He is everywhere! Notice each has a separate function, role and purpose and a separate name. But yet all are intricately connected and intertwined in unity.

THE ESSENCE OF THE GODHEAD

In the dictionary **nature** means the very **essence** of a person, *everything* about them, including their identity.

Father

Real and literal. Composition?

Unknown. Location? Throne in heaven,

Revelation 4:2-3 KJV

[2] And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. [3] And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Exodus 33:20 KJV

And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and

live.

The Son

Real and literal. Composition? Glorified human body. Location? The Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary,

"In taking our nature, the Saviour has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never to be broken. Through the eternal ages He is linked with us. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son." John 3:16. He gave Him not only to bear our sins, and to die as our sacrifice; He gave Him to the fallen race. To assure us of His immutable counsel of peace, God gave His only-begotten Son to become one of the human family, forever to retain His human nature." EGW, *Desire of Ages*

The Spirit

Real and literal. Composition? Spirit (Greek "pneuma" meaning wind).

Location? Inside of believers, and working in those seeking God,

1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

John 3:8 KJV

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Yet He CAN have a visible presence,

Luke 3:22 KJV

and the Holy Ghost descended in a **bodily shape** like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

FOR EVERY TRUTH SATAN HAS A COUNTERFEIT

Counterfeits

Satan has sought to **counterfeit** this truth throughout human history. So many false religions feature three gods, the triangle and triquetra are used frequently in the occult. The Catholic version makes a mockery of the simple, biblical and original theology. Here's an example of the counterfeit,

Revelation 20:10 KJV

And the **devil** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 16:13 KJV

And I saw **three** unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

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they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so it will be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is about to take her full measure of our nation's iniquity. Then will she be plucked up by the roots.

The Genuine = Father + Son + Holy Ghost

Matthew 28:19 KJV

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**

"Name" here means personality or character. Only individuals have personalities.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV

[21] Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; [22] who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV

[4] There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of

your calling; [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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Come Out and be Separate

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The Son is all the fulness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here is shown the personality of the Father.

The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ. . . .

Some Logic

Romans 8:27 KJV

And he **(God the Father)** that searcheth the hearts **(our hearts)** knoweth what is the **mind** of the **Spirit**, because he **(the Holy Spirit)** maketh intercession for the saints according to the **will** of God **(the Father)**

Why would God make intercession w himself?
Seems like two different divine Persons 🤔

1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV

For who hath known the **mind** of the Lord, **(the Son)** that he **(the Son)** may instruct him? **(us)**. But we have the mind of **Christ**.

Mind of the Son, not the Spirit as seen in Rom 8.27. There seems to be a clear difference 🤔
Three different minds are discussed here, if you include the Father's will as the third. Why would God mislead us? The simplest explanation is that 3 separate and distinct divine Beings (and minds) are being discussed here.

Again, it would be terribly **misleading** and confusing if the Holy Spirit is only a reflective force of the Father or Son. These two verses would not make

sense.

For me, just a plain reading of the KJV portraits the **Holy Ghost** as a separate and distinct divine Being, something more than just a "force" from the Father or Son,

Let's Re Cap

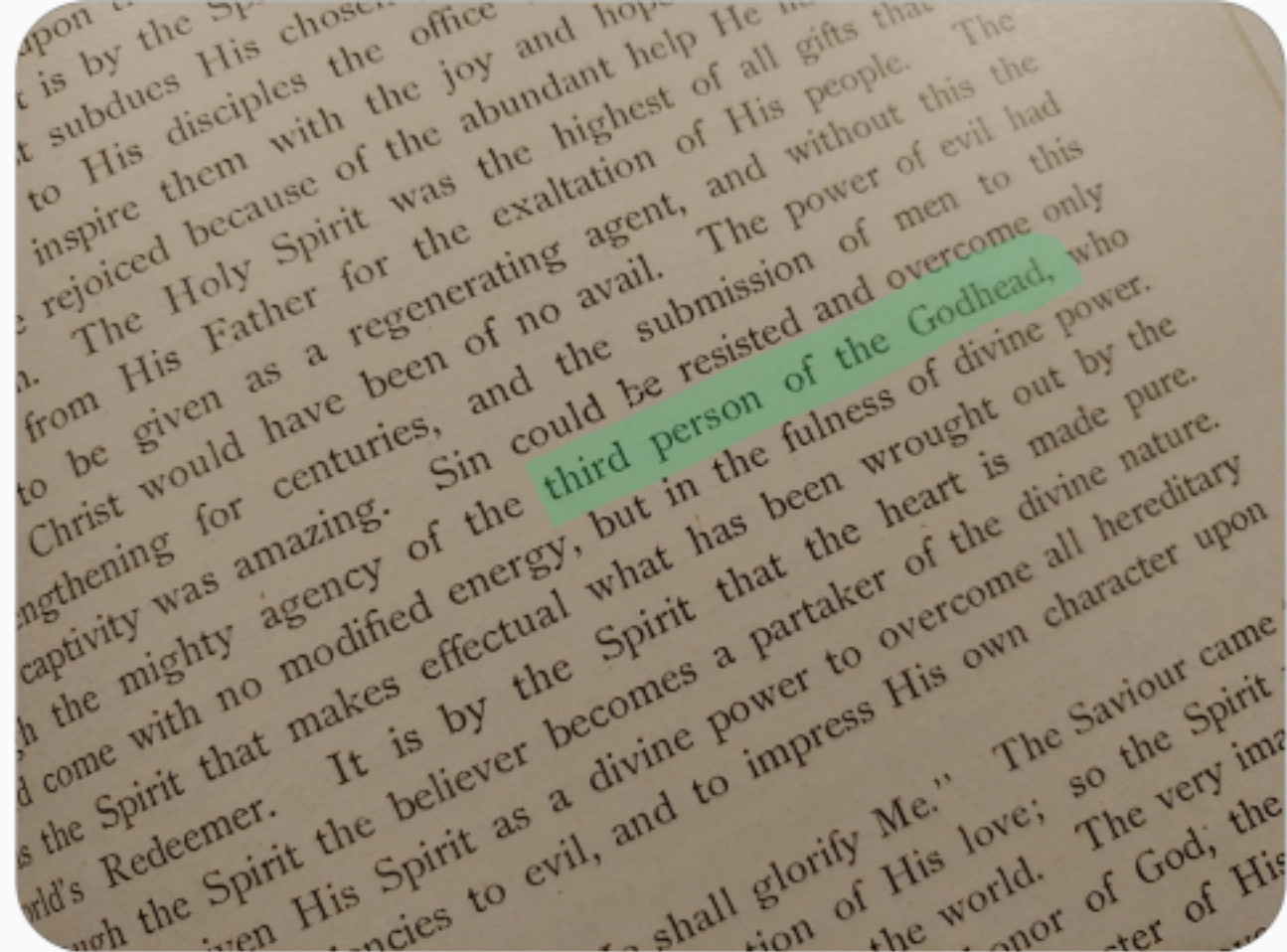
- ≡ ○ Referred to as "He" John 16:13-14
- ≡ ○ He speaks & hears, John 16:13-14
- ≡ ○ He does not speak for himself, but for the Father John 16:13-14
- ≡ ○ He convicts of sin, only God can do this, John 16:7, Jude 1:14-15
- ≡ ○ He has omnipresence, only God has this, John 3:8
- ≡ ○ He has a mind to think & reason, Romans 8:26-27
- ≡ ○ He has emotions, Ephesians 4:30, Is 63:10
- ≡ ○ He directs church affairs, Acts

13:2, 1 Corinthians 12:11

- ≡ ○ He loves, Romans 15:30
- ≡ ○ He lives inside of us, 1 Cor 6:19
- ≡ ○ Seen as separate from the Father & Son, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Matt 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Luke 3:21-22, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, John 16:16-17, Luke 1:35
- ≡ ○ Yet are one in character & purpose, 1 John 5:7-8, Col 2:9, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Eph 4:4-6

ELLEN WHITE CONFIRMS

Clearly and verifiably supported by the Spirit of Prophecy,



Desire of Ages, page 671, first edition

Plus, see her other statements towards the end of the century, particularly in *The Ministry of Healing* and *Review* articles and *Manuscript Releases*. God **unfolded truth** to His prophet over time. God has His timing! This is why it was integrated so late in SDA history. The Godhead doctrine was published officially in 1931-1932, and advanced

from there.

The concept of "**Advancing Truth**" or "**Advancing Light**" is something Ellen White wrote much on, particularly towards the last part of her life. And it's also a biblical concept.

This truth easily explains why God advanced our understanding of this doctrine over time. The doctrine wasn't "deceptively inserted" into our theology later in the church's history (as conspiracy theories suggest) rather was *gradually revealed* to the remnant church and Godly men over time by the Holy Spirit, beginning with God's own prophet in the *Desire of Ages* in 1898. **The truth moved forward from there.**

Consider her quotes on the subject of new light,

"We cannot hold that a position once taken, an idea once advocated, is not, under any circumstances, to be relinquished. There is but One Who is infallible -- He Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 105, par. 2).

"When God's people are at ease, and satisfied with their present enlightenment, we may be sure that He will not favour them. It is His will that they should be ever moving forward, to receive the increased and ever increasing light that is shining for them." (5T pp. 708, 709).

"We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed." (RH: July 26, 1892).

Chapter 4—Attitude to New Light

Maintaining Truth Not to Preclude New Light—It is a fact that we have the truth, and we must hold with tenacity to the positions that cannot be shaken; but we must not look with suspicion upon any new light which God may send, and say, Really, we cannot see that we need any more light than the old truth which we have hitherto received, and in which we are settled. While we hold to this position, the testimony of the True Witness applies to our cases its rebuke, "And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Those who feel rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, are in a condition of blindness as to their true condition before God, and they know it not.—[The Review and Herald, August 7, 1894.](#) {CW 33.1}

Led of God, but Not Infallible—We must not think, "Well, we have all the truth, we understand the main pillars of our faith, and we may rest on this knowledge." The truth is an advancing truth, and we must walk in the increasing light. {CW 33.2}

Would-be Guardians of the Doctrine—The rebuke of the Lord will

be upon those who would be guardians of the doctrine, who would bar the way that greater light shall not come to the people. A great work is to be done, and God sees that our leading men have need of greater light, that they may unite harmoniously, with the messengers whom He shall send to accomplish the work that He designs they should. The Lord has raised up messengers and endued them with His Spirit, and has said, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." {CW 38.1}

Increased Light to Shine—A spirit of pharisaism has been coming in upon the people who claim to believe the truth for these last days. They are self-satisfied. They have said, "We have the truth. There is no more light for the people of God." But we are not safe when we take a position that we will not accept anything else than that upon which we have settled as truth. We should take the Bible, and investigate it closely for ourselves. We should dig in the mine of God's word for truth. "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Some have asked me if I thought there was any more light for the people of God. Our minds have become so narrow that we do not seem to understand that the Lord has a mighty work to do for us. Increasing light is to shine upon us; for "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."—[The Review and Herald, June 18, 1889](#). {CW 34.2}

Many Gems Yet to Be Discovered—New light will ever be revealed on the word of God to him who is in living connection with the Sun of Righteousness. Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. The diligent, prayerful seeker for truth will find precious rays of light yet to shine forth from the word of God. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God.—[Counsels on Sabbath School Work, 34 \(1892\)](#). {CW 35.1}

Take note that Ellen White makes it clear in the SDA Bible Commentary

below, that there are **3** great powers in heaven,

Father + Son + Holy Ghost

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Chapter 6

1-4 (Matthew 28:19; 2 Peter 1:2, 5-7). Baptism a Mutual Pledge—In baptism we are given to the Lord as a vessel to be used. Baptism is a most solemn renunciation of the world. Self is by profession dead to a life of sin. The waters cover the candidate, and in the presence of the whole heavenly universe the mutual pledge is made. In the name of the **Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, man is laid in his watery grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the water to live the new life of loyalty to God. **The three great powers in heaven** are witnesses; they are invisible but present. {6BC 1074.8}

All of these verses in the Bible present three in the Godhead,

Col 2:9, Eph 4:4-6, 2 Cor 1:21-22, Mark 1:9-11, Matt 28:19, 2 Cor 13:14, 1 John 5:7, John 14:26, Rom 8:26-29, 1 Cor 12:4-7, Rom 15:30, 1 Peter 1:1-2, Eph 4:4, 2 Cor 1:21-22

See more Ellen White quotes at the end of this study that clearly shows God revealed the **true nature** of the Godhead to her later in life.

Eternal, Equal, Divine.

Separate and distinct, yet
One in nature, purpose, divinity.

This is God.



More Ellen G. White on this topic
She clearly believed in 3 not 2

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"There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ."

Come Out and be Separate

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The Son is all the fulness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here is shown the personality of the Father.

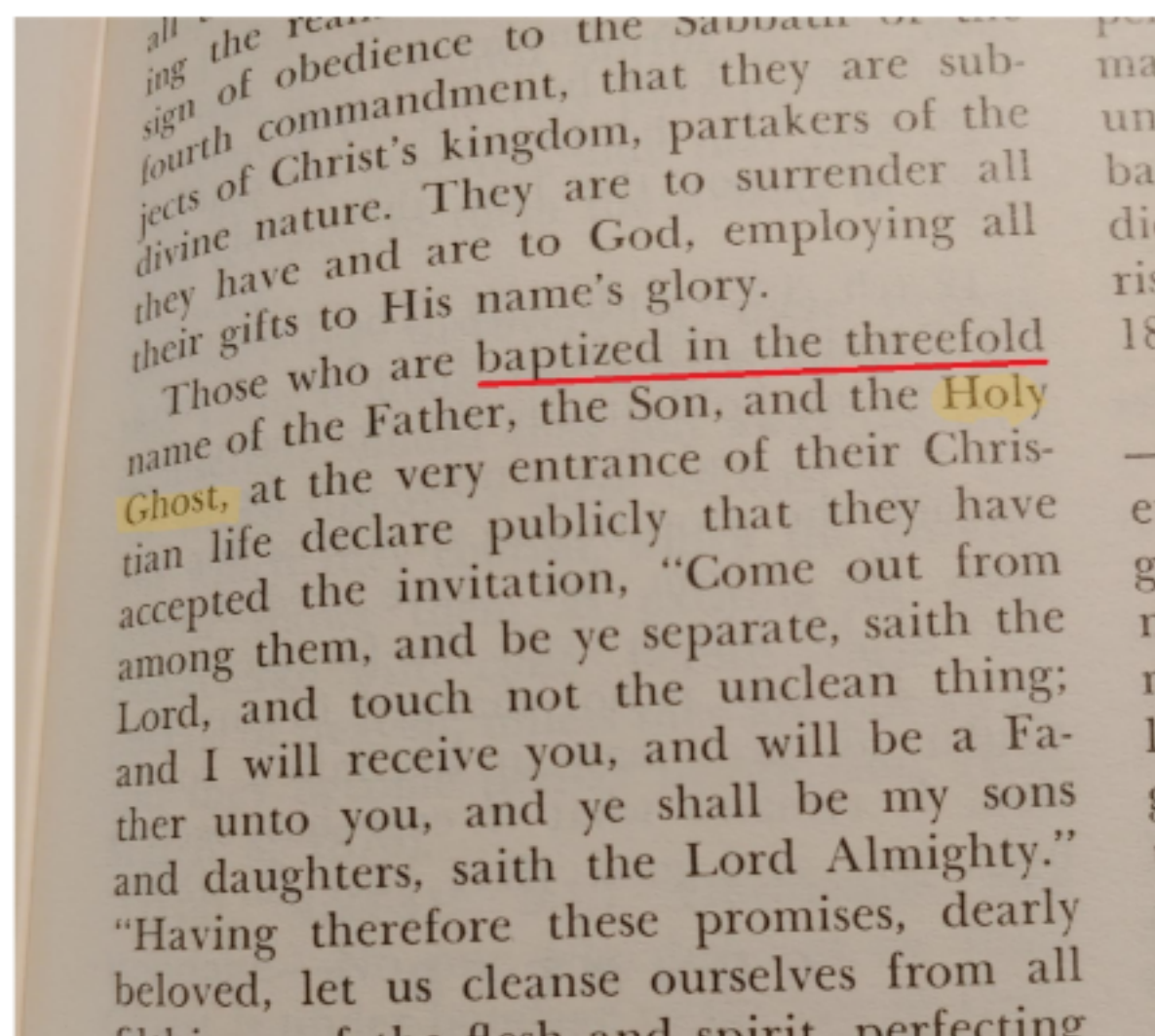
The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ. . . .

Not sure how someone can misunderstand the phrase "three living persons" 🙄

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 6, page 91 (1901)

— from my 1945 copy at home

"Those who are baptized in the threefold name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, at the very entrance of their Christian life declare publicly that they have forsaken the service of Satan and have become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King."



(Notice in the above statements, she validates that

Matt 28:19 is indeed supposed to be in the Bible)

"... the three holiest beings in heaven"

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indulging in these words of criticism, you blaspheme God's holy name as verily as you would were you to swear. I am instructed to present these things before you, that you may see how you dishonor the name of Christ Jesus.

"Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

Here is where the work of the Holy Ghost comes in, after your baptism. You are baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. You are raised up out of the water to live henceforth in newness of life,---to live a new life. You are born unto God, and you stand under the sanction and the power of the three holiest beings in heaven, who are able to keep you from falling. You are to


reveal that you are dead to sin; your life is hid with Christ in God. Hidden "with Christ in God,"---wonderful transformation. This is a most precious promise! When I feel oppressed, and hardly know how to relate myself toward the work that God has given me to do, I just call upon the three great Worthies, and say: You know I can not do this work in my own strength. You must work in me, and by me, and through me, sanctifying my tongue, sanctifying my spirit, sanctifying my words, and bringing me into a position where my spirit shall be susceptible to the movings of the Holy Spirit of God upon my mind and character.

And this is the prayer that every one of us may offer. Oh, I am so afraid that the next judgment of God will come upon Oakland and San Francisco again, before you are ready! But if you come to the Lord; if those of you who profess to be His commandment-keeping people will come to Him and humble your hearts before Him, your ignorance may pass away.

Ms 66 (1899) – in regards to the establishment of the Avondale School

".. we need to realize that the **Holy Spirit**, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds.."

we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realise that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, ^{as seen by human eyes} that the Lord God is our keeper, and helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought ^{of the beloved} we think.

Here again, she refers to the Holy Spirit as a separate person 

"The three powers of the Godhead.."

A Message to the Churches

MRS. E. G. WHITE

I HAVE a message to speak to the churches. If we are to make known the story of the cross in all parts of the world, our missionary efforts must not be allowed to weaken. They must be kept vigorous and strong. The efforts we put forth to dispel the darkness of error will always be proportionate to our faith in God, manifested in our obedience to his commandments. With faith and courage and hope we are to extend the knowledge of present truth. We have not always met as we should the obligations in missionary effort that our knowledge of present truth places upon us.

The manifold wisdom of God has been displayed in the organization of his church in the earth for the representation of the truth in the world. In their zeal for the cause of righteousness, his servants are to reveal a faith that works

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slothful habit, a zeal that reveals itself in watchfulness unto prayer, humble heart-searching, a readiness to examine self, that they may detect their own defects of character, and avoid the evils of self-exaltation. This faith and zeal are essential, or our labors for the perishing will weaken, and Christ will be disappointed in his church.

The three powers of the Godhead have pledged their might to carry out the purpose that God had in mind when he gave to the world the unspeakable gift of his Son. Every act of self-denial, every earnest surrender to God, is an element in God's design for the increase of the piety and zeal and earnest faith

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Ms 139 (1906)

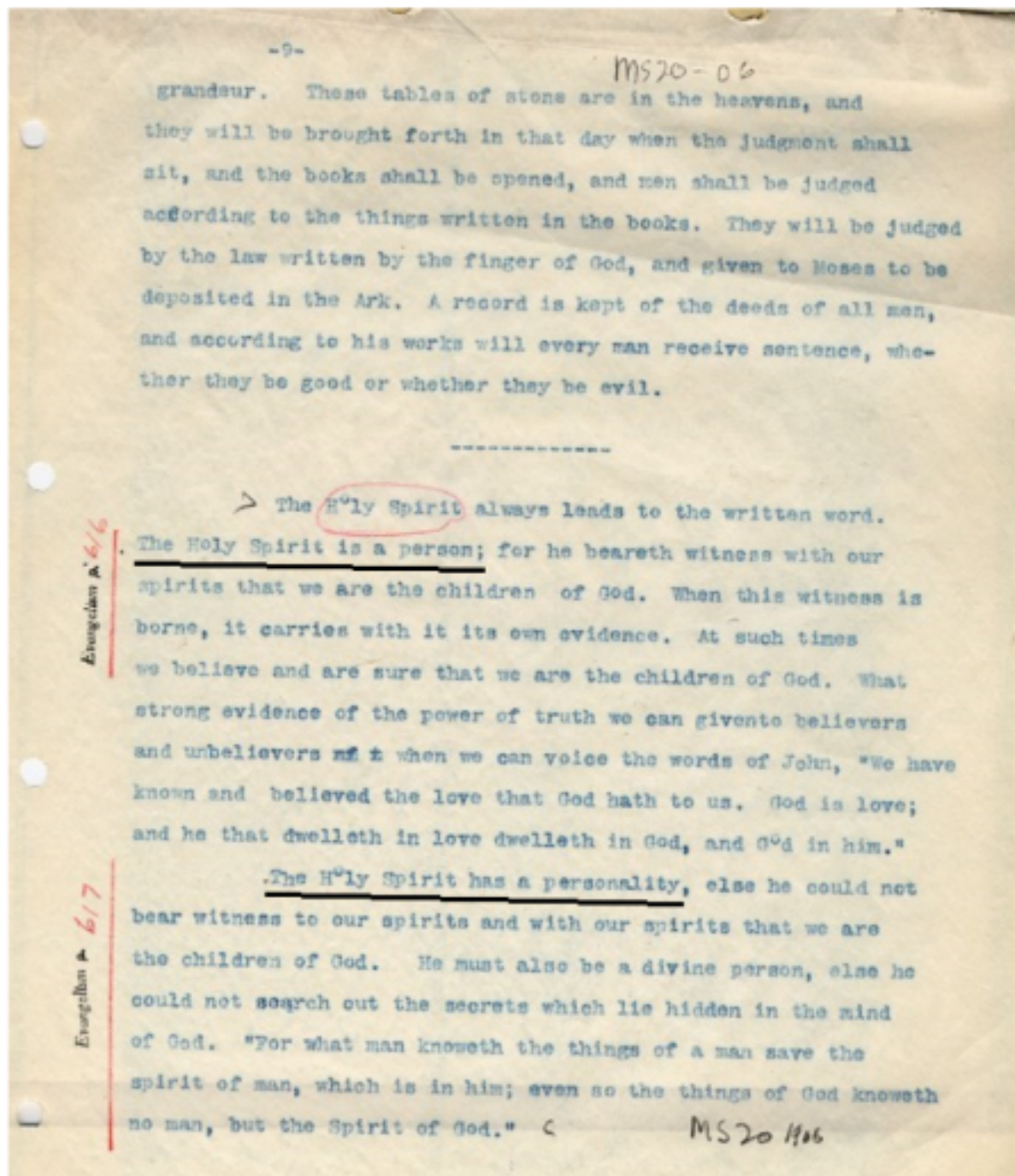
".. **worship** the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Now a little point. As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they hear, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." [Matthew 25:34] And then the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And then what? What next did I see? One meets another, and they say, as they fall right upon their necks with their faces shining with the glory of God, "It was you, it was you that brought the truth to me, and I would not hear it at first, but, O I am so glad." Now that will be acted all through the heavenly courts, thanksgiving and praise to God for those that have been the means of winning others to the truth, that they should come and have an interest for them, and then they are united among the saved. O what a meeting! what a meeting! [Ms. 139, 1906, par. 30]

If we are to worship the Holy Spirit, He is God..
correct?

"The Holy Spirit is a person"

"The Holy Spirit has a personality"

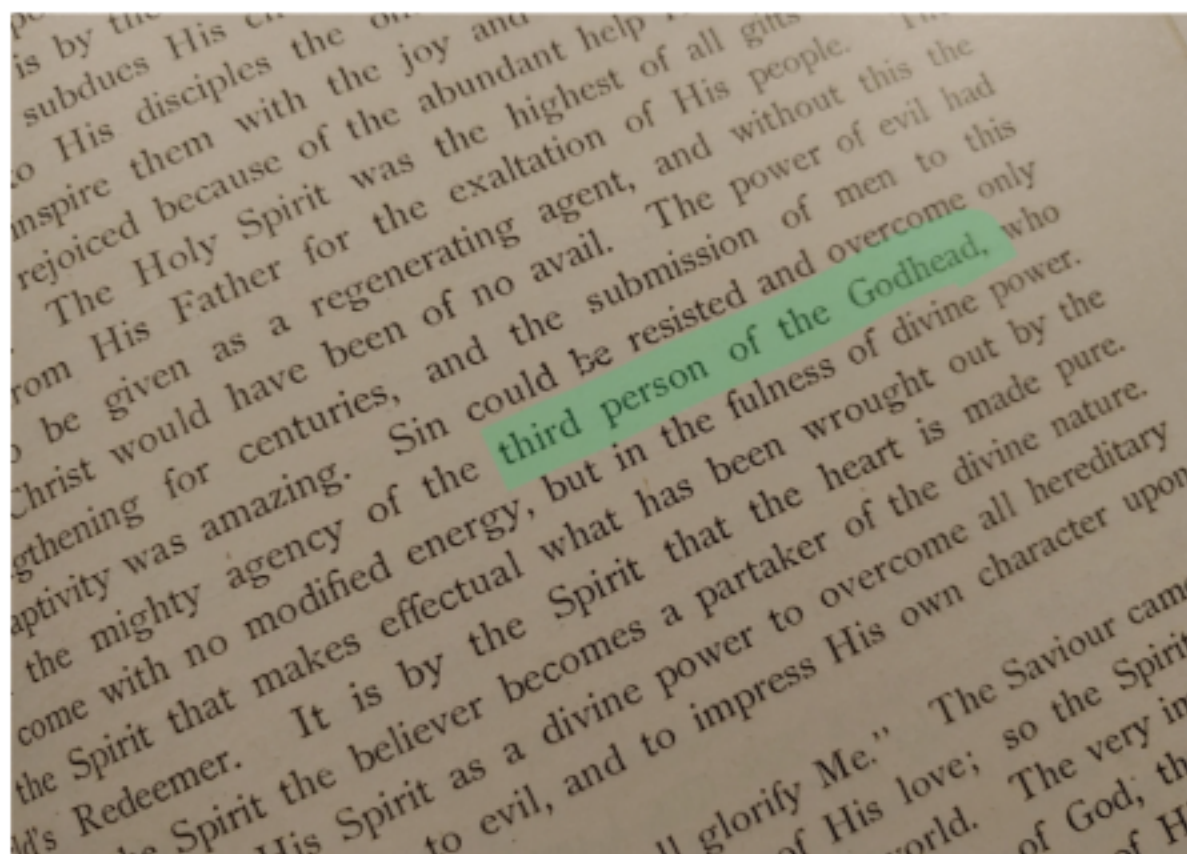


2 Chronicles 20:20

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be

established; **believe his prophets**, so shall ye prosper."

Desire of Ages, page 671 (1898) – *first edition*



A "Person" is **more** than just a force or spirit of God.

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Isaiah 8:20 KJV

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

THE TRUE CHURCH

VS

BABYLON

Ellen White writes that the deceptions at the end of time will be so convincing, that only with a deep knowledge of the Bible can we be safe,

The Great Controversy, 593

The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. Satan employs every possible device to prevent men from obtaining a knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions.... So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.

The Catholic version of the Trinity

The catholic understanding is convoluted and **confusing** if you read all of it. *Babylon means confusion*. Here's an example from their explanation,

In one sense, the Trinity is easy to explain: Christians believe that there is only one God, but they also believe that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:1-4). God exists as three persons, but he is not three gods. He is instead one God who exists as three equally divine, equally eternal persons, and this truth forms the central foundation and mystery of the Christian faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 234).

"The Council's definitions concerning the Trinity are really as easy as one, two, three... four. It taught there is one nature in God, and that there are two processions, three persons, and four relations that constitute the Blessed Trinity." *Catholic Answers magazine*

More here

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/explaining-the-trinity>

Not helpful.

The Adventist version of the Godhead *I disagree with the word Trinity*

BELIEF 2: THE TRINITY

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal **Persons**. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love, is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation. (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 6:8; Matt. 28:19; John 3:16 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2.)

Similar definitions in that there are 3 not 2, but not the same. For example,

The Adventist definition adds the word **unity** throughout the explanation, and explains it fully in the complete doctrine. The Adventist understanding is clear and biblical,

"The triune God may be compared to a winning team. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit work together in ways that a human team would never be able to for a common goal. While each person of the Godhead has a distinct role in the plan of salvation, they unite in their mission."
SDA Fundamental Beliefs

Spot on.

More here

<https://www.adventist.org/trinity/>

**Eternal, Equal, Divine.
Separate and distinct, yet
One in nature, purpose, divinity.**

This is God.

The **Father** is the literal Father, *Jn 5.19*

The **Son** is the literal Son, *Matt 3.17*

The **Holy Spirit** is the literal Holy Spirit

Jn 14.26, Acts 1.8, Titus 3.5, Rom 8.26, Micah 3.8

The Godhead = 3. Simple, biblical

1 John 5.7

"For there are **three** that bear record in heaven"

This is what I believe.

Sola scriptura!