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Introduction

The Foundation Changed

During the summer of 1904, Dr. J. H. Kellogg was promulgating many pantheistic theories. The book Living Temple contained what Ellen White termed "the alpha of deadly heresies". At that time Ellen G. White sounded a number of warnings, which were assembled and "Published for the Author" in a sixty-page pamphlet, Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2. In two of these communications she refers to "The Alpha and the Omega of deadly heresies." Which are in 1 Selected Messages, Chapters twenty four and twenty five. These chapters are titled "The Omega of Deadly Heresies" and "The Foundation of our Faith." Many of the quotes from this article will come from these chapters.

The bible says that "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed". 2 Peter 1:19. This prophecy was given over 100 years ago, and as we study, it will become very evident that many are in grave danger. And it will also become evident that though this prophecy was given, only a few truly will hear the prophecy and "take heed".



A Predicted "great reformation...among Seventh-day Adventists"

"In the book Living Temple there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 203)

We were told that Alpha was in John Harvey Kellogg's book, and that the Omega would follow. This was a certainty that we could know for sure if the prophet was true. Before we begin to understand what the Omega is and how it is here already and all the aspects of it, as well as the dangers, let us examine what the prophet wrote about what the RESULT of the Omega of deadly heresies would be on Seventh-day Adventism?

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that

this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. 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." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205)

Before we study the fulfillment of this prophecy, here are some questions we need to keep in mind.

Questions about this prophecy:

- 1. Have the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith been given up?
- 2. Has there been a reorganization or reformation or new movement of this sort in Seventh-day Adventism?
- 3. Has this movement gone into the cities doing a wonderful work?
- 4. Have the principles which sustained the first 50 years of our faith been accounted as error and discarded?
- 5. Has their foundation been built on sand?
- 6. Have books of a new order been written?
- 7. Have they established a system of intellectual philosophy?
- 8. Has the God who created the Sabbath been removed?
- 9. Have the people had to place dependence on human power?
- 10. Will storm and tempest sweep away this structure that is built on sand?

John Harvey Kellogg's book was recently published in 1904, and constant questions were coming to Ellen White with respect to explaining Kellogg's position

"One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in Living Temple. I reply, "They are unexplainable." **The sentiments expressed do not give a true knowledge of God**." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 202)

How important is a proper knowledge of God?

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Knowledge of God = Eternal Life Lack of Knowledge of God = Deadly Heresy (Death)

What did the heresy have to do with?

"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..." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 203)

Living Temple had false teachings concerning the personality of God and the presence of God. Ellen White believed that these issues were so firmly established, that there should be no controversy or even discussion concerning these topics.

In breaking the Omega down, we will look at this in 4 different sections:

- 1. Personality of God
- 2. The Presence of God, the Holy Spirit
- 3. The Son of God and the Foundation
- 4. A New Organization and Movement Established on Sand

We were told by the prophet:

"Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204)

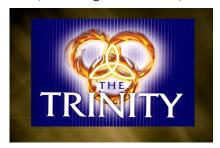
We were also told:

"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**." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 197)

The change in belief had to do with the Trinity, and even a Trinitarian Adventist commenting on this change in 1994 admitted himself that this change in religion was "most startling" to him also.

"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 ... 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." (William G. Johnson in the Adventist Review, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)

Over 90 years earlier the prophet told us that "Our religion would be changed.... The omega will be of a most startling nature." (Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 197, 204)

How Many Persons is God to Adventists in 1904?

Fundamental Principles of 1872, 1889, 1914 "I.That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being,"

In the fundamental principles of Seventh-day Adventists printed in 1872, 1889, and 1914 our pioneers understood that God was "a personal…being". God was not three persons to them. This was the very first point or principle of the fundamental principles. This was the foundational point of our entire faith as we shall see.

The next principle had to do with the identity of Christ as the "Son of the Eternal Father".

How Many Persons is God to Adventists in 2016?

Fundamental Beliefs of Seventhday Adventists adopted in 1980.

"#2. There is one God: Father. Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons..."

3 persons? The personalities of God? This sounds like a potential personality disorder and even a possible identity crisis? Ellen White said "the personality of God" not "the personalities of God".

Something we should seriously consider:

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF SEVENTH'DAY ADVENTISTS.

By the late Uriah Smith.

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

1. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the Creator of all things, onnipotent, onniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the floly Spirit. Ps. 139: 7.

2. That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he created all things, and by whom they do

2. That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he 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 through the merits of his shed blood, he secures the pardon and forgiveness of the sins of all those who persistently come to him; and as the closing portion of his work as priest, before he takes his throng as king. he will make the creast atomerant for the sine. takes his throne as king, he will make the great atonement for the sins of all such, and their sins will then be blotted out (Acts 3: 19) and of all such, and their sins will then be blotted out (Acts 3: 19) and borne away from the sanctuary, as shown in the service of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in heaven. See Leviticus 16; Heb. 8: 4, 5; 9: 6, 7, 7.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, contain a full revelation of his will to

Jeremiah 2:11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

Has a denomination changed their gods, which are yet no gods?

Breaking the Omega Down:

Section 1. Personality of God

What did Ellen White say to John Harvey Kellogg regarding "the personality of God"?

"You are not definitely clear on the personality of God, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself." (Ellen White Letter 300 1903 to JH Kellogg)



This issue she said was "everything to us as a people". Remember that knowledge of God is eternal life. And what is she saying to Kellogg? That improper knowledge of God is deadly death.

"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...What influence is it would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith-the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past

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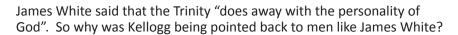
fifty years." (Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 206-207)

Regarding Kellogg's misunderstanding, Ellen said that he needed to look

back to some of the pioneers who had a proper understanding of the presence and personality of God. James White, her husband, who penned the 1872 Principles of faith said the following regarding "the personality of God":

"Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ." (James White, December 11,

1855. Review & Herald, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)



JN Andrews also said the same thing. Most ministers of the conference today are taught in Andrews University. And Andrews University is a strong proponent of the Trinity. But what did JN Andrews believe regarding the Trinity and the "Personality of God"

"The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nice, A. D. 325. This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ." (J. N. Andrews, Review & Herald, March 6, 1855)

Very similar words were said to Kellogg. "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 1903 to JH Kellogg)

And what may be part of the reason that these words were penned?

"He [Kellogg] told me that he now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; (Letter by A. G. Daniells to W. C. White on October 29, 1903)

Kellogg had become a Trinitarian. But What Did Ellen Believe Regarding the Personality of God and Christ? Did she believe in "God the Son"? Or "God the Holy Ghost"?



"The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but **not in personality."** (Ellen White Upward Look Page 367)

Jesus is NOT God in personality. He is God in respect to his nature; he is infinite in that respect. However, he is not God in personality. The distinction needs to be clear.

"Christ is one with the father, but **Christ and God are two distinct personages**" (Ellen White Review and Herald June 1, 1905)

Christ is not God, God is not Christ in personality. She is very clear on this issue. God is not three persons but one person, a distinct individual from Jesus Christ.

"The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ,

and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each...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." (Ellen White Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, page 268)

The scriptures are clear on this matter, and therefore we need not enter into controversy on this issue. "God is the Father of Christ". God is not three personalities, but one individual and if we read the scriptures, we need not be deceived.



1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but <u>one God, the Father, of whom are all things</u>, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

The scriptures are so clear on this matter. Jesus himself said: "...I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." (John 20:17)

Nowhere in scripture is the term "God the Son" or "God the Holy Ghost", nor is the title "God" ever once used to refer to the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" at the same time.

"I have been instructed to warn our people; for many are in danger of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the foundation pillars of the faith." (Ellen White Selected Messages bk. 1 p.196)

These misunderstandings of God sweep away the entire foundation of the Christian faith.

Breaking the Omega Down:

Section 2. The Presence of God

"Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories...I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over **the presence** and personality **of God**..." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 203)

Kellogg did not just have misunderstandings concerning "the personality of God", but also in regards to "the presence of God". What does the bible tell us about "the presence of God"?

Psalms 51:11 Cast me not away from **thy presence**; and take not **thy holy spirit** from me.

The presence of God is the Holy Spirit according to the bible.

Psalms 139:7 Whither shall I go **from thy spirit**? or whither shall I flee **from thy presence**?

The bible tells us that His spirit is everywhere. However, we need to look carefully at this issue. This issue is so easily misunderstood, and in this section we will contrast the truth with the error so that we can discern the truth concerning these issues. Ellen White was very plain about what the presence of God was. She said plainly:

"The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God." (Ellen White Sign of the Times, November 23, 1891 par. 1)

What was one of the major deceptions coming in among Seventh-day Adventists during the Kellogg crisis?

"Already there are coming in among our people spiritualistic teachings that will undermine the faith of those who give heed to them. The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies Page 291)

Notice that she says God is <u>not</u> an essence pervading all nature. This is where major misunderstandings come in, especially if you believe in "God the Holy Ghost". She called these "spiritualistic teachings". I will

come back to this as we continue. However I'd like you to notice what James White said regarding this issue:

"The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God." (James White, January 24, 1846, The Day Star)

Jesus is not God in personality. This was clear to James White. "He [Christ] represented God not as an essence that pervaded nature, <u>but</u> as a God who has a personality." (Ellen White MS 24, 1891)

Jesus when referring to His Father, said that the "Father which was in heaven." (Matt 16:18) He talked about Him as a personal being in heaven, not as a being that was in everywhere and in all things. Ellen when speaking to Jesus in vision asked for clarity on this issue.

"I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that he is a person. I asked him if his Father was a person, and had a form like himself. Said Jesus, "I am in the express image of my Father's Person." I have often seen that the spiritual view took away the glory of heaven, and that in many minds the throne of David, and the lovely person of Jesus had been burned up in the fire of spiritualism. (Ellen White 2 Spiritual Gifts 74)

The spiritual view takes people's eyes from the "throne of David" she said. What does the throne reveal?

"I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son." (Ellen White Early Writings Page 54)

It is interesting that this is another vision. She didn't see a throne with a Trinity on it.

Daniel had a similar vision of the throne of God:

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

So did John:

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of <u>God</u> and of the *Lamb*.

"God" and "the Lamb" or God and Christ. And here also we see "the river of water of life". Jesus said "He that believeth on me, as the

scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit)" (John 7:38, 39)

It is interesting to note that God the Father is the source of this living water "of whom are all things" (1 Corinthians 8:6) and Jesus is the channel "by whom are all things" (1 Cor 8:6). That spirit is in all of his children who will receive it.

The three angels messages in Revelation 14 tell us that we are to "fear God, give glory to Him...worship Him" (Revelation 14:7) What's interesting to note is that the throne and God's people who keep this message are mentioned right before this message is given. And what are we told about them? That we are "...the firstfruits unto <u>God and to the Lamb</u>...they are without fault before <u>the throne of God</u>" (Revelation 14:4)

What had Kellogg come to believe with regard to our maker?

"So there is present in the tree a power which creates and maintains it, a tree-maker in the tree, a flower-maker in the flower,-an infinite, divine, though invisible Presence, to which the unenlightened may be blind, but which is ever declaring itself by its ceaseless, beneficent activity." (JH Kellogg The Living Temple Page 29)

He was teaching that the "maker" or the "creator" was actually the "creation" itself, and that God was actually in the tree.

"In the growth and habits of plants, also, there is abundant evidence of **the presence of this universal Intelligence."** (JH Kellogg The Living Temple Page 29)

He was also teaching that God's intelligence, His being was in the trees and plants. His understanding of the presence of God and the spirit of God was that the spirit of God was the actual being or person of God Himself personally present. He goes on further to say:

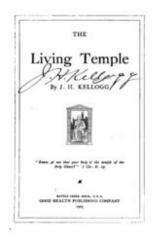
"Scientific men have ceased the attempt to prove man to be a mere product of physical forces, but they recognize in his existence, and in every function of his body, **the presence of an infinite Intelligence,** working, controlling, creating, for man's good. God dwells in man. He is the life of man. He is the servant of man. (The Living Temple Page 35, 36)

He was teaching that the actual intelligence of God was in the man. The truth that God dwells in men is often misunderstood. We need to understand that the spiritual presence of God is far different than having the physical presence or intelligence of God dwelling in men. Page12

Ellen White when speaking of the Holy Spirit said that God's spirit is actually in the seed. I will clarify the difference between her belief and Kellogg's belief. But here is what she said:

"The Lord puts His own Spirit into the seed, causing it to spring into life. Under His care the germ breaks through the case enclosing it and springs up to develop and bear fruit." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies Page 326)

The spirit of God pervades nature she is saying. But "the theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies Page 291) Therefore we need to be clear that there is a difference between the physical presence of God in the tree or seed, and the spiritual presence of God. This is where many fall.



If Ellen White believed in "God the Holy Ghost" as Kellogg did, then she believed that God Himself was in the seed, and pervaded all nature because she said the spirit was in the seed. There has to be a difference between the spirit in the seed, and the seed maker in the seed.

But yet what Kellogg was saying was very close to what Ellen White was saying, and there was a lack of discernment in the people who were reading Kellogg's book.

"In the controversy that arose among our brethren regarding the teachings of this book, those in favor 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." (Ellen White 1 Selected Messages Page 203)

Kellogg was saying that the presence of God was in the tree, Ellen was saying the presence of God was in the seed. They both believed that the presence of God pervaded nature, however, the misunderstanding was about what "the presence of God" actually consisted of. Kellogg stated:

"God is light," says John the apostle; so if in the glorious rays of the sun we recognize the presence of God, we must see the same in the fruits, the grains, the nuts, the bread, — all foods...I am the living bread which came down from heaven (John 6: 51), his declaration was not

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merely a mystical figure of speech, but the expression of a fact, a reality, a scientific truth. he called our attention to the fact that <u>God</u> <u>himself enters into our bodies in the taking of food; that he is the very substance of food,</u>" (JH Kellogg The Living Temple Page 87-89)

Kellogg was adamant that this "was not merely a mystical figure of speech". Kellogg had come to believe that he was actually eating the substance of God. Why did Kellogg believe this? Because He believed that the Holy Spirit was the actual physical person of God.

"He [Kellogg] told me that he now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; (Letter by A. G. Daniells to W. C. White on October 29)

Is it possible to be present with someone in spirit, but yet not physically present according to the bible?

1 Cor 5:3 "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit"

Was Paul physically present with the Corinthians? No!!! He was absent physically!! But yet spiritually He was there? Was Paul intelligently with them? No. Does the same principle apply with the spirit of Christ as with the spirit of Paul?

"Christ could not be in every place personally: therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent." (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 14, pages 23, 24; written February 18 and 19, 1895)

Christ's Spirit is "in all places", yet Christ himself is not "in every place personally".

A Divine Human Spirit?

There is a teaching today by some leaders in the Godhead movement that the Spirit of God since 31 AD is a Divine/Human Spirit, and that since the cross, that spirit is something more, or something different.

But Ellen White said: "The Holy Spirit is Himself <u>divested</u> of the personality of humanity." (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 14, pages 23, 24)

Divested = Stripped

The Holy Spirit is stripped of Humanity. It is not the physical presence of Christ in you either, nor is it the intelligent presence. It is not a divine/human spirit.

I've spoken to some who have said that now they have Christ dwelling in them and that since he is dwelling in them, that they have his thoughts, and therefore cannot err. This is the teaching similar to Kellogg which teaches that there is a "universal intelligence" dwelling in them. That they have the intelligence of God himself in them thinking for them.

The bible teaches us that God's love, joy, peace and power is the same love that was made in the covenant before Christ became a man. This fruit was the same before and after 31AD. The spirit was in the creation, and the bible says that creative power is the same power that creates a new heart in the believer. That power has not changed, it is as powerful as it was when God said "Let there be light". The power of the gospel is the same power and divine nature that was in creation six thousand years ago. It is no different.

- It is the same love, joy, peace, etc. that God had when he first made the plan of salvation.
- It is the same gifts that were in the prophets of old who also had the gift of prophecy.

Rom 1:20 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:

Remember:

"The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God." (Ellen White Sign of the Times, November 23, 1891 par. 1)

We see this spirit in creation Genesis 1:2, as well as Psalms 33:6-9 among other places in scripture.

It is the same spirit! If God's power and divine nature are seen in the created works, was not his spirit in creation? The words of God are spirit.

We are told:

Psalms 19:1-2 ... The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and

night unto night sheweth knowledge.

The heavens utter speech. They speak the word of God. And the word of God is spirit. (John 6:63) Therefore that spirit is again pervading nature.

Heb 1:3 ...upholding all things by the word of his power...

God puts His own Spirit into the seed "The Lord puts His own Spirit into the seed, causing it to spring into life. Under His care the germ breaks through the case enclosing it and springs up to develop and bear fruit." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies Page 326)

Ellen speaking of the comforter said:

"There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart.... The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul." (Ellen White, Review & Herald, October 26, 1897)

"There is no comforter like Christ". There is no "God the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit is Christ's Spirit, and therefore it is Christ dwelling in us. (John 14:18) Not in a physical way, nor his intelligence and being, but by his spirit.

What else does this "life of Christ" pervade?

"A mysterious life pervades all nature—a life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer breeze, that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit... From Him all life proceeds." (Ellen White Education 99)

From his throne, **the river of life** proceeds, which is the spirit of God. (Rev 22:1, 2, John 7:38, 39) "One God the Father, of whom are all things." (1 Cor 8:6) The source of all, the throne of David.

"The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies Page 291)

Compare with:

"A mysterious life pervades all nature" (Ellen White Education 99)

But Kellogg was teaching that God was an essence pervading nature, that His spirit could not be separated from his physical presence. Page 16

"God is the explanation of nature,- not a God outside of nature, but in nature, manifesting himself through and in all the objects, movements, and varied phenomena of the universe. " (JH Kellogg The Living Temple Page 87-89)

He further said:

"Every leaf, every blade of grass, every flower, every bird, even every insect, as well as every beast or every tree, bears witness to the infinite versatility and inexhaustible resources of the one <u>all-pervading</u>, all-creating, all-sustaining Life. (JH Kellogg The Living Temple Page 87-89)

The "all-pervading" God. A God that "pervades all nature". This was what Ellen termed "one of Satan's most subtle devices."

Pantheistic Teachings!

- •If you believe in God the Holy Spirit this is a pantheistic teaching because the Holy Spirit does pervade nature according to the scriptures and the writings of Ellen White.
- •If you believe that the Holy Spirit is the physical, bodily, or even literal being and intelligence of God or Christ this is a pantheistic teaching.

God is not physically in you. He cannot be everywhere personally.

The bible says that some were worshipping the creation because they believed that the creator was the actual creation. But Paul said this would "change the truth of God into a lie."

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature(creation) more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

You'll notice that they "worshipped the creature". They "changed the glory of God into an image made like unto fourfooted beasts" (Rom 1:23) So instead of worshipping God, they worshipped the beast. And they ended up receiving something in their forehead:

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a **reprobate mind**...

So the mind is in the forehead. This is "the Omega of Deadly Heresies". This is no minor issue. "Alpha" is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, or the "beginning" of it. "Omega" is the last letter or the end. In a similar sense, "the Omega of Deadly Heresies" is the end of all heresies. It is the greatest.

If we worship something, we receive its name or character in our forehead. In Revelation 14 we are told of a people who receive "the Father's name written in their foreheads" (Revelation 14:1) Notice who they "worship":

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; ... worship him

They worship the Father (John 4:23, 24). There is another people that are written about two verses later. These people worship something else:

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

And notice that the mark is also the name:

Rev 14:11 ... and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast

and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

And this just like the "reprobate mind" is received by those who "worship the beast".

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (beast) more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.



This is how serious "The Omega of Deadly Heresies" is. It is the difference between receiving the mark of the beast, and the seal of God. If we have a wrong knowledge of God, we cannot become changed into the same image. (2 Cor 3:17, 18)

Now Ellen White was seeing these issues coming into Adventism and she was giving warning after warning. She said that some of the representations are as follows:

"Such representations as the following are made: "The Father is as the light invisible; the Son is as the light embodied; the Spirit is the light shed abroad." "The Father is like the dew, invisible vapor; the Son is like the dew gathered in beauteous form; the Spirit is like the dew fallen to Page18

the seat of life." Another representation: "The Father is like the invisible vapor; the Son is like the leaden cloud; the Spirit is rain fallen and working in refreshing power." All these spiritualistic representations are simply nothingness. They are imperfect, untrue... God cannot be compared with the things His hands have made. These are mere earthly things, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. The Father cannot be described by the things of earth." (Ellen White Special Testimonies B07 62-63)

Now God is not to be described by the things that His hands have made, yet at the following Seventh-day Adventist webpage dedicated to fundamental belief #2, the Trinity, they have a one and a half minute video where they use an egg to describe the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I've left the link here so you can see it for yourself.

https://www.adventist.org/en/beliefs/god/trinity

Two Spirits

"...there are two spirits in the world,the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan." (Ellen White Sign of the Times, November 24, 1887 par. 7)

When describing the "spirit of God" Ellen contrasts it with the "spirit of Satan". The spirit of Satan is in many people. But we would never teach



that Satan himself is personally or physically present in everyone that has his spirit. In the same sense we should understand that God is not personally or physically present in each of us who have the spirit of God.

"If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him... These theories, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own savior. These theories regarding God make His word of no effect, and those who accept them are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction. They may regard virtue as better than vice; but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they place their dependence upon human power, which, without God, is worthless. The unaided human will has no real power to resist and overcome evil. The defenses of the soul are broken down. Man has no

barrier against sin. When once the restraints of **God's word and His Spirit are rejected**, we know not to what depths one may sink." (Ellen White 8 Testimonies page 291)

What did Ellen say would happen if Adventists accepted the Omega about placing dependence on human power?

"...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." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205)

The reason they would place their dependence on human power, is because of a misunderstanding of the presence and power of God. Fundamental belief number 5 of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called "God the Holy Spirit". The misunderstanding has not only been accepted, but accepted as "fundamental" to salvation. What a sad state of affairs we are in.

Jesus when referring to the spirit said: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

It was not the literal flesh of Christ that we are eating, but the words of Christ, which are spirit. The flesh of Christ or physical presence of Christ would profit nothing.

Breaking the Omega Down: Section 3. The Son of God and the Foundation

"Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205)

Part of the prophecy on the Omega was that "a new organization" would be established; she also called it "a new movement". Consider the foundation of the church as Jesus explained it. It has to do with understanding the identity of Christ.

Matt 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**

The disciples gave the answer, then Jesus asked another question: Matt 16:14-15 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist:

some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

Jesus was asking them about his identity. Did they really know who He was?

Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ(Messiah)**, the Son of the living God.

How important was this understanding of his identity and the answer that Peter had given?

Matt 16:17-18 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. 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.

Upon this foundation is the church built. And if we fail to build on this foundation, then storm and tempest would sweep away our structure. Furthermore, the church is actually called the "church of the firstborn". The bible says that Christ is "the firstborn of every creature." (Col 1:15)

Hebrews 12:22, 23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem... To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

This truth about the identity of Christ is in the title of the church.

"Peter had expressed the truth which is the foundation of the church's faith" (Ellen White Desire of Ages Page 413)

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt 16:16)

When speaking about the sonship of Christ, Ellen White said:

"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner." {Ellen White The Desire of Ages, p. 51}

Jesus was the firstborn of heaven before he ever was "made of a woman" (Gal 4:4) She also said:

"A complete offering has been made; for "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, <u>but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person</u>, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Ellen White, The Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895)

Compare this with the following:

"Before Christ came in the likeness of men, he existed in the express image of his Father." (Ellen White, Youth's Instructor, December 20, 1900)

Christ was begotten in the express image of the Father before he came in the likeness of men. To deny this literal birth is to spiritualize away the literal Father/Son relationship.

We've seen already how the pioneers had termed the Trinity as "Spiritualism". And to deny that Christ was begotten of the Father before coming in the likeness of men is spiritualism.

"Modern spiritualism, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old.... Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, "who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways." 2 Peter 2:1, 2. Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God. Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father." 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist." (Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, page 686)

"Damnable heresies", such as the Omega of deadly heresies. What does she mean when she tells us spiritualistic teachers refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God? It means they deny the literal sonship of Christ. They spiritualize away the literal truth about the Son of God.

What did our pioneers believe in regard to Christ and his birth in heaven?

"God alone is without beginning. At the earliest epoch when a

beginning could be, – a period so remote that to finite minds it is essentially eternity, – appeared the Word." (Uriah Smith, Looking Unto Jesus, p. 10)

"Christ was the firstborn in heaven; He was likewise the firstborn of God upon earth, and heir to the Father's throne. Christ, the firstborn, though the Son of God, was clothed in humanity, and was made perfect through suffering" (Stephen Haskell, Story of the Seer of Patmos p. 98).

"He who was born in the form of God took the form of man" (A. T. Jones, The General Conference Bulletin, 1895, p. 449).

"As to when He was begotten, it is not for us to inquire, nor could our minds grasp it if we were told. The prophet Micah tells us all that we can know about it in these words, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." Micah 5:2, margin. There was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father (John 8:42; 1:18), but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning" (E. J. Waggoner—Christ and His Righteousness, pp. 21, 22 1893).

"The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father" (James White, The Review & Herald, January 4, 1881).

Remember earlier we were told that: "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 ... 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." (William G. Johnsson in the Adventist Review, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)

"Our religion would be changed.... The omega will be of a most startling nature." (1 SM 197, 204)

What are we taught with respect to the sonship of Christ in modern day Adventist literature?



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"The Father–Son relationship in the Godhead should be understood in a metaphorical sense, not in a literal sense". (Max Hatton, Understanding the Trinity, p. 97)

METAPHORICAL – a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable. (Macquarie Dictionary)

In other words "spiritualistic teachers...refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God" (PP 686)



Here is another quote from Woodrow Wilson, co-author of "The Trinity", a book for Seventh-day Adventists.

"While the three divine persons are one, <u>They have taken different roles</u> or positions in the Godhead's work of creation, redemption, and the loving administration of the universe. <u>The Father has assumed overall leadership, the Son has subordinated Himself to the leadership of the Father, and the Spirit is voluntarily subordinate to both the <u>Father and the Son</u>." (Woodrow Whidden, The Trinity, page 243, 'Why the Trinity is important - part 1')</u>

You can see that this is acting, role playing. It is spiritualizing away the literal relationship between the Father and Son.

"A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into, the role of the Father, another the role of the Son." (Gordon Jenson, Adventist Review, October 31, 1996, p.12 Week of Prayer readings, 'article 'Jesus the Heavenly Intercessor')

These are published in authoritative Adventist literature. This is really saying, God did not give his son. It is calling God a liar.

1 John 5:10 he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

Also, if He never really had a Son to give, that means he is not Christ's Father.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

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From the General Conference website regarding Fundamental Belief #4 "God the Son"

"...a divine person in the Bible is a person without a beginning."

Taken from http://www.adventist.org.au/fs-theological-questions

Is Christ without beginning because he is divine? EJ Waggoner, famous for being endorsed by Ellen White in giving the important message of 1888 said the following:

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"In arguing the perfect equality of the Father and the Son, and the fact that Christ is in very nature God, we do not design to be understood as teaching that the Father was not before the Son. It should not be necessary to guard this point, lest some should think that the Son existed as soon as the Father; yet some go to that extreme, which adds nothing to the dignity of Christ, but rather detracts from the honor due him...While both are of the same nature, the Father is first in point of time. He is also greater in that he had no beginning, while Christ's personality had a beginning" (E. J. Waggoner, The Signs of the Times, April 8, 1889).

Just because he was God in nature, or divine, does not imply that he is without beginning. Early Adventists had obviously heard arguments like this before. Christ was the literal Son of God, the firstborn of heaven, and he is also divine by means of inheritance. Not because he is coeternal.

And if we deny that Christ is truly the Son of God, are we not denying the rock on which the church is built? Are we not tearing away the foundation of the church? Perhaps building a new organization or our own?

Breaking the Omega Down:

Section 4. A New Organization and Movement Established on Sand

Remember the summary of what would happen if the Omega was accepted?



"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that ${\bf a}\ {\bf great}$

reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. 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." (Ellen White Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205)

These founders were different, the foundation was different, the new organization was to be built on sand. God's church was established on another foundation, a house built on rock.

"We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.—" (Ellen White Manuscript 129, 1905)

Let me ask, when I step off the foundation, do I not have to leave the building? Yes. So therefore if a new organization is established, and it has left the building, it certainly cannot be "the church". Can it?

Does God still have a church? Yes, the bible teaches that:

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

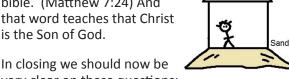
It is the spirit that makes us a child of God. The new birth. And we are born into the family. In Revelation 12 there is a woman that most recognize as the "mother of us all" (Gal 4:26). But some of us think we can become members without "keeping the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus" (Rev 12:17) The bible says that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy". So when you have that spirit, you are the remnant children. This implies that you have been born into the family. You become a child of the mother by receiving that spirit and

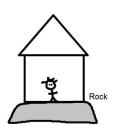
being born again. (John 3:3, 5-7) Without that spirit you are not part of the church. That spirit is also called "the presence of God." And here is what Ellen White said regarding the church and the presence of God or spirit of God.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church" (The Upward Look, p. 315)

And the new church, organization, and movement is built on books of a new order that teach that Christ is not the literal son of God, such as the handbook for Seventh-day Adventists, the fundamental beliefs

teach. God's building is built on the rock, and the base or foundation of his church is his bible. (Matthew 7:24) And that word teaches that Christ is the Son of God.





very clear on these questions:

Questions about this prophecy:

- 1. Have the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith been given up?
- 2. Has there been a reorganization or reformation or new movement of this sort in Seventh-day Adventism?
- 3. Has this movement gone into the cities doing a wonderful work.
- Have the principles which sustained the first 50 years of our 4. faith been accounted as error and discarded?
- 5. Has their foundation been built on sand?
- Have books of a new order been written? 6.
- Have they established a system of intellectual philosophy? 7.
- Has the God who created the Sabbath been removed? 8.
- 9. Have the people had to place dependence on human power?
- 10. Will storm and tempest sweep away this structure that is built on sand?

God be gracious to us in order that we might recognize and accept his presence and power to carry this message to our Adventist brethren.



The most dangerous heresy in Seventh-day Adventism. The prophet classified it as "deadly". And gave warnings by which we were to take heed to over 100 years ago. It had to do with "the presence and personality of God". We were told long ago by pioneers like her husband that "the Trinity does away with the personality of God." We examine why this is so, and how this doctrine and other doctrines that spring from it are truly deadly, and how a true knowledge of God is eternal life. (John 17:3)

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