

THE TRINITY IN EVANGELISM

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This paper contains all the quotations of **God, Christ and the Holy Spirit** that appear in the book Evangelism. Comments and the context of the quotations are given below each quotation. Many Trinitarians take these references in Evangelism to be the last word, however, when they are analysed carefully and prayerfully, they prove nothing. Please read the following with a prayer that God will show you the truth. The heading is as it appears in Evangelism, and all * quotations are from the same book.

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MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE GODHEAD

* **Let People Know Our Position.** Our policy is, Do not make prominent the objectionable features of our faith, which strike most decidedly against the practices and customs of the people, until the Lord shall give the people a fair chance to know that we are believers in Christ, that we do believe in the divinity of Christ, and in His pre-existence. Testimonies to Ministers p253 (1895) Evangelism p613.

The above quotation is clear enough as it stands – do not present the objectionable features of our faith, such as the Sabbath, the State of the Dead, the Investigative Judgment etc. before people can clearly see we believe in Christ, in His divinity, and in His pre-existence. There is nothing within this quote to prove anything other than what it says.

However, the non-Trinitarian would have a harder time making these things clear. Since when do Trinitarians need to prove the divinity of Christ or His pre-existence? Those who believe Christ was begotten of the Father are often called upon to answer these points.

The charge is always – ‘You believe Christ was created’. But the statement is not true. Christ was ‘begotten’ like the Bible says, and being begotten of the God of the universe, He has every divine attribute of God. Christ is the “express image of His (the Father’s) person”, making Him fully divine. Hebrews 1:3. He is “the fullness of the Godhead bodily”. Colossians 2:9.

“And we have seen and do testify that the Father *sent* the Son to be the Saviour of the world”. 1 John 4:14. Did God have a pre-existent Son to send? Non-Trinitarians believe He did, because “.... God so loved the world that he *gave His only-begotten Son....*” John 3:16.

* **We Shall Have to Meet Erroneous Teaching.** Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying science of satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a non-entity of God and of Christ. \ The Father and the Son each have a personality. Christ declared, ‘I and My Father are one’. Yet it was the Son of God who came to the world in human form. Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity through His infinite sacrifice might become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Testimonies Vol 9 p68. (1909) Evangelism p613.614.

This quotation does not give the full context, as it fails to show that Ellen White was comparing books similar to 'The Living Temple' by J.H. Kellogg, that give what the prophet calls 'scientific sentiments' about God. These false ideas are used by Satan to "make a nonentity of God and of Christ". This is stated on the same page as the above. The content of the paragraph directly above the one quoted in Evangelism relates to these sentiments. The paragraph, as shown, is not actually one paragraph; portion of the one above is joined to the one below, making it appear as one paragraph, and giving a slightly different slant. (Note the \ where the paragraph ends)

If the quotation itself is analysed, one can see that the prophet is comparing (a) the nonentity of God and Christ (science of satanic origin) with (b) the Father and Son each having a personality. Ellen White is straight forward on this point, "The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each." 2 Testimonies p268.

In this controversy, the Trinitarian can not accuse those who believe God to be the Father of Christ, and Christ to be the Son of God, with believing satanic sentiments, for these are Bible and Spirit of Prophecy words. "God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God." 8 Testimonies p268. Nothing needs to be added.

If the reader wishes to see what kind of satanic sentiments Sr White was referring to, look at the next long quotation in Evangelism.

*** Positive Truth Versus Spiritualistic Representations.** I am instructed to say, The sentiments of those who are searching for advanced scientific ideas are not to be trusted. 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 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. They weaken and diminish the Majesty which no earthly likeness can be compared to. 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. The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight.

The Son is all the fullness 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 fullness 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. Special Testimonies. Series B. No.7 p62.63. (1905)

In analysing this quotation, the same comparison is shown between the supposedly advanced 'scientific sentiments' and the clear statements of the Father and the Son. Instead of the Father being (a) "like the dew invisible", He is (b) all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, a divine Person. Instead of the Son being (a) "like the dew gathered", He is (b) all the fullness of the Godhead manifested". Instead of the Spirit being (a) "the dew fallen to the seat of life", he/it is (b) all the fullness of the

Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace...” (Spirit ‘he’) John 14:16.17. (Spirit ‘it’) Romans 8:16.26.

Most people immediately grasp the description of the Father, the Son and the Spirit, in an attempt to prove the Trinitarian doctrine of God, but this loses the whole of the prophet’s message. The comparison shows that the Father, Son and Spirit are intelligent personalities, not vague philosophical sentiments. That is the point.

To try and prove the Trinity from this information is totally wrong. What we do know from the above is: (a) The Father, Son and Spirit have personalities. (b) They are three living persons. (c) They cannot be compared with things of the earth. (d) The Father, Son, and Spirit are the powers of heaven in whom we are baptised. (e) They are the three powers of heaven with whom we must cooperate for salvation.

As to the *nature* of the Spirit, this passage does not say.

A case cannot be built for Trinitarianism from these words, neither can it be built for the other view. It may seem to prove the Trinitarian understanding, however, there is another way of seeing the whole subject, but that can only be seen by studying other passages.

Another important point to notice is the date of all the quotations. Except for one, they are at the time Ellen White wrote ‘The Desire of Ages’, and when Dr Kellogg was putting forth his pantheistic, philosophical beliefs about God. Clearly the two previous quotations refer to his sentiments, for the prophet mentions him in both articles. Therefore we must remember that her concern was the Kellogg heresy, and those who present views of a similar nature. If the reader will study books and articles by most of those who are *not* Trinitarians, they will notice a decided lack of anything that hints of such things. The Persons of the heavenly trio are certainly not vague entities as shown in the quoted passage – they are as the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy say – a loving Father, a devoted Son, and an intelligent Spirit of God, that is actively engaged in every part of His universe. “The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. ‘The Lord’s throne is in heaven’ (Ps 11:4); yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand.” Education p132.

*** The Pre-existent, Self-existent Son of God.** Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God.... In speaking of his pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him. Signs of the Times. Aug 29. 1900. Evangelism 615.

This quotation concentrates on Christ’s pre-existence, saying “there never was a time when...”, but it does not say He had no beginning. Christ was in close fellowship with His Father from the moment He was begotten. For the angels who remained loyal to God there never was a time when they were not in harmony with their Creator. Does that mean the angels had no beginning? There is no question Christ was pre-existent – He created this earth. He is the self-existent Son of God, begotten with the immortal life of His Father.

*** He was equal with God, infinite and omnipotent.... He is the eternal, self-existent Son.** Manuscript 101. 1897. Evangelism p615.

The above short quotation is under the same heading. It is the only part of the manuscript most of us have, but it doesn’t contradict anything the prophet says in other places. Christ is infinite and omnipotent. He is the eternal Son of God, begotten in eternal time, inheriting from His Father, eternal life. And having eternal life makes Him self-existent. He is equal to the Father in nature, however not in status, but the Son was given an elevated position by His Father. The prophet says, 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.” 2 Testimonies p268.

* **From Everlasting.** While God's Word speaks of the humanity of Christ when upon this earth, it also speaks decidedly regarding His pre-existence. The Word existed as a divine being, even as the eternal Son of God, in union and oneness with His Father. From everlasting He was the Mediator of the covenant, the one in whom all nations of the earth, both Jews and Gentiles, if they accepted Him, were to be blessed. 'The Word was with God, and the Word was God'. Before men or angels were created, the Word was with God and was God.' Review and Herald. Apr 5. 1906. Evangelism p615.616.

Again, there is no question about Christ's pre-existence, for as quoted, "the Word existed as a divine being, even as the eternal Son of God, in union and oneness with His Father." Who says Christ did not pre-exist Bethlehem? It is certainly not those who believe Him to be the Son of the living God. What about Trinitarians – Do they believe Christ – the Son of God – pre-existed Bethlehem? The answer is NO, not as the Son of God, and this is the issue. Did God consent for His loving and *willing* Son to come to earth? Or did a co-equal, co-eternal Being volunteer to take on the role of a Son?

Pre-existence is not in question in the current debate; it is whether God had an only-begotten Son at some time in the days of eternity.

* Christ shows them that, although they might reckon His life to be less than fifty years, yet His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation. The existence of Christ before His incarnation is not measured by figures. Signs of the Times. May 3. 1899. Evangelism p616.

The article from which the above is quoted deals with Christ's discussion with the Jews about His identity as the Messiah. They see Him as still a young man and are nonplussed by His statement "... before Abraham was, I am". Further on in the article Sr White writes, "The Jews were so blinded by the deception of the enemy that, without any form of trial, they would have stoned Christ to death. They saw that He made Himself equal with God, and because they had no knowledge of God or of Jesus Christ, they thought this to be blasphemy. Had they had a knowledge of God, they would not have rejected His Son, and charged Him with blasphemy." Ibid.

The Jews knew that Christ's claim to be the I AM was to equate Himself with God, which to them was blasphemy. But they also accused Him of blasphemy when He claimed to be the Son of God. Luke 22:67-71. Obviously they knew the Son of God had the same nature as God, but clearly saw them as distinct personalities, or they would not have kept asking Christ if He was: the Son -- of -- God. Sr White is simply telling us that the Son's life cannot be reckoned by human computation.

In the quoted Signs of the Times article, another paragraph states the following regarding Christ's pre-existence, "Through Solomon Christ declared: 'The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth... When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him'." Signs of the Times 08.29.00.

Read this passage carefully, for it tells us that Christ Himself says He was 'possessed', 'set up', 'brought forth' and 'brought up'. If you study these words in the Hebrew and the writings of our modern day prophet, you cannot come to any other conclusion but that Christ is the Son of God. (Read also the first chapter in Patriarchs and Prophets. Obviously Ellen White believed Solomon's words dealt with more than just wisdom, and were truly Messianic)

But the verses in Proverbs only go back to the creation of the earth. Obviously Christ is older than six thousand years, but even that would have brought forth the charge of blasphemy from the Jews. How old is Jesus Christ? Is He a million years old? Ten million years? Five hundred thousand million

years? Twenty to the power of sixty million? I have no idea. Do you? Sister White did not say He had no beginning, but that His divine life cannot be computed by human beings.

*** Life, Original, Unborrowed, Underived.** Jesus declared, 'I am the resurrection, and the life'. In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. 'He that hath the Son hath life'. The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life. The Desire of Ages p530. (1898) Evangelism p616.

To the Trinitarian, the above quotation is the most important 'clincher' statement on the deity of Christ, but is it? The sentence (that also heads the quote), is originally from an article written the previous year in the Signs of the Times. The assistant of Ellen White (Marian Davis) used one sentence from a paragraph of Sister White's article for 'The Desire of Ages'. That does not make it wrong, but in its full context, it is clearer what the prophet was saying. The full paragraph is shown below.

“ ‘In Him was life; and the life was the light of men’. (John 1:4) It is not physical life that is here specified, but immortality, the life which is exclusively the property of God. The Word, who was with God, and who was God had this life. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. ‘I lay it down of myself’. (John 10:18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. ‘This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent’. (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world.” Signs of the Times April 8 1897. 1 Selected Messages p296.297.

What do we learn from this passage? (a) Eternal, immortal, original, unborrowed, underived life is the exclusive property of God. (b) Christ has this eternal, immortal, original, unborrowed, underived life because He is also God, the Son of God. Obviously He received this life from His Father when He was begotten. Sister White calls Him the “only begotten Son of the infinite God...” in the previous paragraph of the above. (c) Man does not have this life. It is borrowed from God and He will take it from him at His will. (d) Christ came to this earth as a man (clothing His divinity with mortal humanity). When Christ died, His divinity did not die, however, because His brain was dead, His immortal life was quiescent, dormant until the resurrection. 1 SM 301. If Christ had sinned, He would still be in the grave. (e) Christ is willing to give this eternal, immortal, original, unborrowed, underived life to all who accept Him as their personal Saviour. As a Christian, does that mean I had no beginning?

Think about it. Christ is our S A V I O U R. His divinity is our assurance of eternal life. We can praise God for that original, unborrowed, underived life.

*** With the Father at Sinai.** When they (Israel) came to Sinai, He took occasion to refresh their minds in regard to His requirements. Christ and the Father, standing side by side upon the mount, with solemn majesty proclaimed the Ten Commandments. Historical Sketches p231. (1866) Evangelism p616

There is nothing in this passage but that the Father and the Son stood side by side on Mount Sinai. What does that prove? It just says the Father and the Son stood side by side on Mount Sinai. The rest of the article adds no more detail to prove anything else. The Father was with His Son on the mountain, and it was Christ who spoke the Ten Commandments. Signs of the Times 03.07.78. It is the Father's Law. Review and Herald. 07.24.88. The Father gave everything into the hands of Christ in the work of redemption. “All the communication between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ.” That I May Know Him p102. Patriarchs and Prophets p366.

* **The Eternal Dignitaries of the Trinity.** The eternal heavenly dignitaries – God and Christ and the Holy Spirit – arming them (the disciples) with more than mortal energy... would advance with them to the work and convince the world of sin. Manuscript 145. 1901. Evangelism p616.

This is another one of those so-called clinchers to the Trinitarian. The article from which this portion of a paragraph is taken calls every follower of Christ to go to work, copy the Pattern, and be in harmony with each other. A previous portion of the paragraph reads, “Christ tells them they were to fight in fellowship with all the children of light; that satanic agencies would combine their forces to extinguish the light of the life of Christ out of their ranks. But they were not left to fight the battles in their own human strength. The angelic host coming as ministers of God would be in that battle. Also there would be the eternal heavenly dignitaries--God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit -- arming them with more than mortal energy, and would advance with them to the work, and convince the world of sin.” Manuscript Release Sixteen p204.

You will see that the Evangelism quotation is not exact, as the sentence does not begin as shown. (The brackets are understandable for clarity) But does the article prove anything? No, it simply tells us that as Christians, we are in a battle, but we are not in it alone. The holy angels are with us, as well as God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. With these agencies, we will not have to fight satanic agencies in human strength; we will be armed with more than mortal energy.

* **Personality of the Holy Spirit.** We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds. Manuscript 66. 1899. (From a talk to the students at the Avondale School) Evangelism p616.

This quotation is the most important ‘clinker’ statement to Trinitarians that the Holy Spirit is a co-eternal, co-equal Being in a triune Godhead. It is supposed to prove beyond doubt that the Holy Spirit is a person with legs, and able to walk through the ground of Avondale. This is one of those quotations where we need more of the paragraph. Prior to these words it says, “The Lord says this (we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice) because He knows it is for our good. He would build a wall around us, to keep us from transgression, so that His blessing and love may be bestowed on us in rich measure. This is the reason we have established a school here. The Lord instructed us that this was the place in which we should locate, and we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and **we need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds**, that the Lord God is our keeper, and helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind.” Ms 66, 1899, p. 4. (Talk, April 15, 1899). Please compare the full quote with the one in Evangelism (bolded), and you will see that the sentence is incomplete.

In analysing this passage, we must see what instruction the prophet wanted the students to receive when the talk was given. Was it a lesson on the nature of the Holy Spirit? No. There are a number of points, that when grouped together, give the true message. (a) It is for their own good the students give themselves to Christ. (b) God wanted to build a wall around them to keep them from sin, so He could bless them. (c) That is why a school was established. (d) The Lord had revealed that this was where the school should be located. (e) The teachers and students needed to realise that the Holy Spirit was walking the grounds of the school. (f) And they needed to realise that the Holy Spirit is a person like God is a person. What lesson would the children receive about the Holy Spirit from this part of the talk? Obviously it was message to be very careful how they think and speak because God is listening.

There is no question, the Evangelism statement *alone* sounds convincing, however, when the true message of the talk is seen, the other does not have the same impact. Please read the following quotation carefully. “He (Christ) walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks... He is represented as walking up and down among the golden candlesticks. He is in communion with his people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their vigilance, their piety, and their devotion; and he takes pleasure in them if he sees these fruits manifest. Although Christ is mediator in the heavenly Sanctuary, yet he walks up and down in the midst of the churches on earth. He goes about from

church to church, from congregation to congregation, from soul to soul. He observes their true condition -- that which is neglected, that which is in disorder, and that which needs to be done. He is represented as walking, which signifies unrest, wakefulness, and unremitting vigilance. He is observing whether the light of any of his sentinels, or candlesticks, is burning dim or going out. These under-shepherds may sleep, but He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.” Advent Review and Sabbath Herald. 05-31-87

To use the Trinitarian reasoning – Christ has legs. He can walk up and down the churches. But how does He do that if He is in heaven ministering in the heavenly sanctuary? “Unto the church of Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks..... He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 2:1. 2:7 “Unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God.... He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” Revelation 2:18. 2:29. (Compare all the churches) Who is speaking?

Read also the following, “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, ‘I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people’.” 2 Corinthians 6:16. God wants to *walk in His people*. He does this by His Spirit, not literally with legs, but in a mysterious way we do not understand. As to the nature of the Spirit of God and Christ, “silence is golden”. Acts of the Apostles p52.

* The Holy Spirit is a person, for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God... The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. ‘For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Manuscript 20. 1906. Evangelism p616.617.

There is no question the Holy Spirit has a personality for, as the prophet said, He could not bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. He must also be divine or He could not know the mind of God. But instead of being a third co-equal, co-eternal Being as the Trinitarians believe, there is abundant evidence that the Spirit is the personal presence of God and Christ. And that being so, there is no question it has a personality – the personality of God and Christ. The Spirit is not just an influence, although it has the power to influence minds. The Spirit is not just a power like electricity, it is God’s own Spirit/mind, and as such, able to relay them to whomever He chooses. As Christ has inherited His Father’s nature and attributes, He also possesses the same omnipresent Spirit, which is able to indwell His children. During His life on this earth, Jesus did not have the ability to be in every place, but, when He returned to heaven He received once again the glory He had previously possessed. “Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.” Manuscript Release Fourteen p23.

* **The Power of God in the Third Person.** The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. Special Testimonies. Series A No.10 p37. (1897) Evangelism p617.

There is only one comment necessary for this quotation. This is absolutely true. But obviously the reason for this portion of the article is because of the term ‘third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit’. Note, it does not say ‘third person *in* the Godhead’. This may sound like splitting hairs, but it is important. There are not three persons *in* the Godhead; there are three persons *of* the Godhead. To say ‘in’ would certainly mean three persons make up a triune Godhead. But to say the word ‘of’ gives a completely different picture.

The Godhead is the Father; He is the Supreme divine Being of the universe. He is the primary Source. In His bodily form, He sits upon the throne of the universe, and from that position can direct all the affairs of heaven. But God has a Son who is “next in authority to the great Lawgiver”. Review & Herald.12.17.72. Christ carries out His Father’s will in all things. “In the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings; through the beloved Son, the Father’s life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, a tide of love, to the great Source of all.” The Desire of Ages p21.

If we understand the relationship between the Father and the Son, and can count to two, it should not be too difficult to realise that God’s Spirit is the third means by which He can operate. Both the Father and Son are able to be everywhere in the universe by the Spirit and personally involved with everything taking place, including the lives of His people. This Spirit is a mystery, no one can explain it. But that it is God’s own powerful and personal Spirit that dwells in you, “if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you”. Romans 8:9. (Please read Romans 8:9.10.11. and notice the interchange of terms – Spirit of God; Spirit of Christ; Spirit of Him who raised Jesus. And also 2 Peter 1:21. 2 Peter 1:11. Matthew 10:20. Mark 13:11)

*** In Co-operation With the Three Highest Powers.** We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost – and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God. Special Testimonies. Series B. No.7 p51. (1905) Evangelism p617.

The above quotation is from a letter of rebuke to Dr Kellogg. “The time will come when I must speak much more plainly, and warn our brethren in plain tones not to be led astray with the false theories of ‘Living Temple’. I have been shown the seductive nature of the sentiments it contains, and that which has been declared over and over again, I need not repeat. These representations are said to be in harmony with the sentiments in Sister White’s published works. Those who make statements such as this are doing my books great injustice. Let all bear in mind that statements from my books may be taken out of their setting, and placed in such connection as to make it appear that the sentiments in ‘Living Temple’ are sustained by Sister White’s very words....

Men are to discharge their duty to God. They are to have reverence for, and a knowledge of, a personal God.... He loves us, that He gave us a tangible proof of His love, by sending His only begotten Son to bear the sin of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.... If we come into close relation with Christ, we shall have a part to act in carrying forward the work of present truth for this time. We are to cooperate with the three highest power in heaven – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost – and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God....” Special Testimonies Series B No.7 p49.50.51. Praise God.

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