

Presentation-9 Worship him: The one true God vis-à-vis the Omega of deadly heresies

In this presentation a comparison is made between the one true God message and the falsehood of the trinity dogma, the “omega of deadly heresies.”*

The three angel’s message is effectively the one true God message.

Man’s duty to worship the Father is based upon the fact that he is the Creator, and that to him all beings owe their existence. Central to this message is the keeping of the living God ever before the minds of men as the source of being and the object of reverence and worship. A clear biblical understanding on issues like the Fatherhood of God, the Sonship of Christ, the omnipresence of God the Father, Christ the only begotten son, and the Holy Spirit shall lead to a perfect rendering of worship, honor, reverence, and exaltation due to the Father and to His only begotten Son.

***On the other hand, Satan strives to turn men from their allegiance to Christ and the Father and from rendering obedience and worship to Them. Through the trinity falsehood he subtly perverts the personality, presence and individuality of the Father and His only begotten son, resulting in a confused understanding of the Fatherhood of God, the Sonship of Christ, the omnipresence of God the Father, Christ the only begotten son, and the Holy Spirit. Thereby leading unsuspecting souls to exalt and worship a false god unto eternal damnation.**

The Father requires that He be worshiped. **A mere belief alone will not do, nor even the acknowledgement that the He is the one true God of the Bible. We owe wholehearted allegiance and devotion to the Father as a personal Being whom it is our privilege to know, to love, and to trust, and with whom we may have blessed fellowship.**

Exodus 20:3 states “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”

The key focus of this presentation is on Dr John Harvey Kellogg’s trinitarian sentiments in his book the Living Temple together with Sister White’s counsel to worship the one true God, and her strong rebuke, rejection, and warnings against accepting such sentiments.

Also presented here for our learning are historic documentations of repeated persecutions from within the church against God’s faithful servants for not submitting to the worship of a false god, all falsely carried out in the name of religion.

Many sincerely claim they do not submit to the trinity dogma. But in singing the “trinity sentiments” in some of the SDA hymns are they not unwittingly and unsuspectingly submitting to the false trinity dogma?

*The doctor not only tended towards pantheism where pantheistic philosophies were promulgated which Sister White called the “alpha of deadly heresies”, but more importantly Dr

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Kellogg perverted the presence, personality, and individuality of the Father through subtle deceiving sophistries that harbored trinitarian sentiments. He was twisting statements from the Spirit of Prophecy to support his eventual belief in the so-called god-the-holy-spirit, whom he considered to be worthy of worship, beside the Father and the only begotten Son; and this sentiment is according to the doctor's own admission. All these sophistries Sister White openly rebuked and clearly rejected in her writings. Yet sadly and tragically these trinitarian sentiments which are not in harmony with the teachings of the Holy Scripture are officially and firmly established in our beloved church as her fundamental beliefs today.

During the years leading up to the turn of the century, Dr. Kellogg had begun to introduce Pantheistic teachings, God in everything, in the General Conference Sessions. These teachings were a departure from the foundational truths of our leading SDA pioneers regarding the personality of God and Christ. By 1901 Pantheism was rampant in Battle Creek.

***More than just mere pantheism, the "omega of deadly heresies" which Sister White trembles for our people, is today flourishing in our beloved church perverting the very pillars of our faith, and leading souls to eternal damnation.**

In 1 Selected Messages p200. Series B No.2 p49.50 Sister White wrote, "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."

Those who refused to heed the warnings of the prophet accepted "the omega of deadly heresies", and the SDA pioneers' belief in the one true God was changed, not in an obvious way, but subtly, and slowly.

Dr Kellogg's understanding of the personality of the Godhead as in the Alpha of deadly heresies developed into Pantheism as the doctor related it to God in nature. Initially, he spoke of the trinitarian idea of God-the-Father, God-the-Son and God-the-Holy-Spirit, all three existing in nature. But eventually he changed it to only God-the-Holy-Spirit existing in nature, a teaching completely opposed by the Sister White. The Omega on the other hand, has not developed into Pantheism or panentheism, but into the Trinity doctrine itself.

*In 1980, it was voted at the SDA General Conference Session that the trinity was made up of the so-called one god comprising the father, son, and holy spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons.

SDA 28 fundamental Beliefs item (2) "There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons."

Sister White was aware that her writings can be twisted to teach a trinity of 3 divine beings. This is the very thing that Kellogg was trying to do. Today this is the very thing that many are also

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trying to do! But tragically, the deception today is far deeper and worse. **The “Omega” is far greater and deadlier in that it has a number of aspects. It not only relates to the Fatherhood of God, the Sonship of Christ, but also to the omnipresence of God the Father, Christ the only begotten son, and the Holy Spirit.**

* In February 1902, the* **Battle Creek Sanitarium in the US burned to the ground.** Sister White wrote about this being a judgment from God. She did not want this Sanitarium rebuilt with the intentions Dr Kellogg had. But he ignored her advice.

The then GC president **Arthur G Daniells requested Dr. Kellogg to write a medical book about physiology and health. The sales of this book the Living Temple would go toward building a new sanitarium.** The GC Committee reviewed the manuscript and rejected it because some of the sentiments expressed therein were very problematic.

Kellogg submitted an order to the Review and Herald publishing house to print 5000 copies of the book. The printing was accepted as an outside work inferring that the publishing house did not approve of some of its contents. Before the book could be printed, the publishing house burned down too. The Sanitarium was burned to the ground in February 1902, and then a little later **on December 30, 1902 the Review and Herald Publishing House was also completely burnt down.** Many Seventh-day Adventists thought this was just a coincidence, but not sister White.

*Sister White in Special Testimonies B07 – November 20, par 9.3 1905 wrote **“The burning of these two institutions was verily a judgment from God. And yet men who have been given wonderful advantages and opportunities, and who are capable of understanding the dealings of God with His people of old, have stood up to defy, as it were, the Holy One of Israel, and to make of none effect the working of God’s providence in His dealings with His people.”**

Nevertheless, Dr. Kellogg went ahead and had the book printed by another publisher.

*Sister White had a controversy over Dr John Harvey Kellogg’s book the Living Temple.

In Loma Linda Messages, p. 293 1903 she counseled: “The teaching regarding God that is presented in Living Temple is not such as our students need.....Those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith.”

***The problem being that Dr Kellogg believed God is not an actual person who is a physical tangible being.** That God is this essence that pervades in everything, and today this is clearly

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seen in the new age movement belief. That God is in everything, in the flowers and in the trees. This tends to lead to nature worship. **If God is in the trees and the flowers, then you can worship that. It is called Pantheism.**

*Sales of the book went badly and Sister White's negative review and warnings made it worse. **In an effort to reverse the poor sales of the book, Kellogg claimed to have refined and modified his views.** His so-called new modified view is reflected in his letter to AG Daniells.* **He now claimed to believe in God-the-Father, god-the-Son, and god-the-holy-ghost,** and that this third person the so-called god-the-holy-ghost was everywhere present.

In a letter from A.G. Daniells to Brother Willie White, Oct. 29, 1903, Dr. John Kellogg is quoted as having said* **"He then stated that his former views regarding the trinity had stood in his way of making a clear and absolutely correct statement; but that within a short time he had come to believe in the trinity, and could now see pretty clearly where all the difficulty was, and believed that he now believed in God-the-Father, God-the-Son, and God-the-Holy-Ghost; and his view was that it was God-the-Holy-Ghost, and not God-the-Father, that filled all space, and every living thing."**

*AG Daniells had responded to Kellogg saying, **"I placed before him the objections I found in the teaching, and tried to show him that the teaching was so utterly contrary to the gospel that I did not see how it could be revised by changing a few expressions."**

Kellogg would use Sister White's writings for credibility support, but she rebuked him over it. She called Kellogg out for his beliefs, thoughts and teachings that were not only Pantheistic, but spiritualistic in a negative way.

*In Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 39 she wrote **"He (Kellogg) has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward pantheism have been revealed."**

*In the Review & Herald, October 22, 1903, she wrote an article calling attention to what Dr. Kellogg has been doing wrong. A short excerpt from the article is reproduced here:

"I have some things to say to our teachers in reference to the new book, "The Living Temple." Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God. As the Lord represents matters to me, these sentiments do not bear the endorsement of God. They are a snare that the enemy has prepared for these last days. I thought that this would surely be discerned, and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it.

***But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may**

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be in my writings many statements which, when taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of "The Living Temple," would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in "The Living Temple" are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this opinion should prevail."

*Sister White in Letter 136, April 27, 1906, to Brethren Butler, Daniells, and Irwin," and also in This Day with God, p. 126, wrote.

"Sometimes, that which men teach as "special light" is in reality specious error, which, as tares sown among the wheat, will spring up and produce a baleful harvest. And errors of this sort will be entertained by some until the close of this earth's history. So it was with the heresies taught in Living Temple. The subtle errors in this book were surrounded by many beautiful truths. . . . The seductive fallacies of Satan undermined confidence in the true pillars of the faith, which are grounded on Bible evidence.

*Truth is sustained by a plain "Thus saith the Lord." But there has been a weaving in of error, and the use of scriptures out of their natural connection, in order to substantiate fallacies, which would deceive, if possible, the very elect. Let not the days pass by and precious opportunities be lost of seeking the Lord with all the heart and mind and soul. If we accept not the truth in the love of it, we may be among the number who will see the miracles wrought by Satan in these last days, and believe them"

After Sister White called him out, Kellogg wrote a letter to George I Butler questioning Ellen White's usage of a term, "third person of the Godhead".

*Letter from John Harvey Kellogg to G. I. Butler. Oct 28. 1903 "As far as I can fathom, the difficulty which is found in 'The Living Temple', the whole thing may be simmered down to the question: Is the Holy Ghost a person? You say no. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun 'he' is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun 'he' and has said in so many words that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead. How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all is difficult for me to see."

What did Sister White meant by the "third person"?

*Sister White in Desire of Ages p. 671.2 wrote "Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual, what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His

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Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.”

*She further emphasized the meaning of the third person in the Desire of Ages, p. 324 **“The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.”**

*Sister White in Review & Herald May 19 1904 par 1 wrote **“Christ declared that after His ascension, He would send to His church, as His crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take His place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit - the soul of His life, the efficacy of His church, the light and life of the world.”**

***In summary a proper understanding is thus: Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church, which is the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, the soul of His life, the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.** Most emphatically the Holy Spirit is not another so-called god-being erroneously and insidiously referred to as god-the-eternal-spirit. God-the-holy-spirit and god-the-eternal spirit are expressions which are completely not in harmony with the teachings of the Holy Scripture, not found anywhere in the Bible, totally foreign to the Bible.

Sister White did not mean the third person as a real literal being, but used the language in the grammatical third person. She used these words in lower case form. In the original 1898 edition of the book Desire of Ages the expression “third person” was not capitalized. In later editions this expression was capitalized, but not by Sister White.

Did Sister White reversed or changed her own understanding of the doctrines given at the beginning, or subsequently became a Trinitarian as alleged by some? Did she continue to uphold the truths that were God revealed to her from the start?

*Speaking of herself in the third person, Sister White in 1 Selected Messages p35 1906 wrote **“I understood that some were anxious to know if Mrs. White still held the same views that she did years ago when they had heard her speak in the sanitarium grove, in the Tabernacle, and at the camp meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. I assured them that the message she bears today is the same that she has borne during the sixty years of her public ministry.**

***She has the same service to do for the Master that was laid upon her in her girlhood. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are, ‘Make known to others what I have revealed to you. Write out the messages that I give you, that the people may have them’. This is what she has endeavored to do.”**

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*According to the prophetess in 1 Selected Messages p200 **“We have a truth that admits no compromise.”**

From Cooranbong, Australia, Sister White wrote in 8 Testimonies p162 **“Never, never seek to remove one landmark that the Lord has given His people. The truth stands firmly established on the eternal Rock - a foundation that storm and tempest can never move.”**

To maintain that Sister White changed her belief on the trinity is tantamount to alleging that she is not a true prophet of God, for the Word of God changeth not. The so-called “paradigm shift” that is attributed to her is in the realm of illusion and wishful thinking; there is no evidence to substantiate it.* **Sister White did not change the foundational doctrines of the Godhead upon which the church was founded. That a change of our foundational doctrines has come about cannot be denied, but to attribute Sister White with that change flies in the face of all reasoning, logic and evidence.** We have allowed Sister White to speak through her pen. All can plainly see that she maintained a consistent belief throughout her entire career as a messenger from God. **Her consistent belief regarding the Godhead is that there are only two divine beings, the Father and His begotten Son,** and Their Spirit is Their life which They share with us. The Father and Son alone are to receive all honor and praise.

Did God impressed upon Sister White a steady and escalating sense of foreboding that the fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error, especially in the last-days?*

Sister White warned in 1 Selected messages p204.1 “In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers--the truths of the Word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform.

***Then I heard a voice saying, “Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action.**

*Again in 8T Testimonies for the church vol 8 1904, p297.1 Sister White warned **“Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith - the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and**

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that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid."

In Sister White's Letter 136, April 27, 1906, to Brethren Butler, Daniells, and Irwin, she cautioned for that time and also with prophetic insight for the last-days* **"There are some, who upon accepting erroneous theories, strive to establish them by collecting from my writings statements of truth, which they use, separated from their proper connection and perverted by association with error. Thus seeds of heresy, springing up and growing rapidly into strong plants, are surrounded by many precious plants of truth, and in this way a mighty effort is made to vindicate the genuineness of the spurious plants."**

The case in point is the book Evangelism compiled by LeRoy Edwin Froom where there is a weaving in of false sentiments and errors, and the use of scriptures out of their natural connection, in order to substantiate fallacies, which would deceive, if possible, the very elect.

Now let us look briefly through the pages of history on those who opposed the Papacy's trinity dogma and were branded as Arians and persecuted unto death.

***Among the principal obstructions to the rise of papal Rome to political power were the Heruli, the Vandal, and the Ostrogoth. All three were supporters of Arianism, which was the most formidable rival of Catholicism. At that time they posed a serious threat to the supremacy of the Catholic church. They were particularly intolerant toward the Catholics, whom they termed heretics. By 538 AD the pope through the Roman emperor Justinian completely "plucked up by the roots" these three tribes.**

The Heruli, the Vandal, and the Ostrogoth were systematically annihilated, physically and culturally, as though they never existed. They were labeled as heretics and Arians by the clergy. The world has only the word of the papacy that they were heretics. The Papacy stigmatized as Arians those who disagreed with her in general. In particular she branded those as Judaizers who were convinced that "the Sabbath" of the fourth commandment was the seventh day, and as heretics those who would not submit to the trinity.

***BG Wilkinson Truth Triumphant p85 wrote "Then the papal party proceeded to call those who would not subscribe to this teaching, Arians, while they took to themselves the title of Trinitarians. An erroneous charge was circulated that all who were called Arians believed that Christ was a created being. This stirred up the indignation of those who were not guilty of the charge"**

***BG Wilkinson Truth Triumphant p85 footnote 41 "It is doubtful if many believed Christ to be a created being. Generally, those evangelical bodies who opposed the Papacy and who were**

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branded as Arians confessed both the divinity of Christ and that He was begotten, not created, by the Father. They recoiled from other extreme deductions and speculations concerning the Godhead”

Would history repeat itself on all who would not submit to the trinity dogma? The SDA church Manual p62 items (1) and (10) speak for itself. Today many church members and pastors are dis-fellowshipped for preaching the one true God message.

The pages of history recorded repeated persecutions from within the church against God’s faithful servants for preaching the Truth, all falsely carried out in the name of religion. In the last-days error is so well mixed with God’s truth that many are not immune to this most devious deceptions inasmuch that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service as recorded in John 16:2.

It is also well documented in the work of John Wesley that in much the same way he suffered persecution from within the church itself.*

Sister White in GC 258.1 warned “The servants of God trod a rugged path. Men of influence and learning employed their powers against them. After a time many of the clergy manifested determined hostility, and the doors of the churches were closed against a pure faith and those who proclaimed it. The course of the clergy in denouncing them from the pulpit aroused the elements of darkness, ignorance, and iniquity. Again and again did John Wesley escape death by a miracle of God's mercy.”

*In 1861, when Seventh-day Adventist ministers in the state of Michigan gathered in Battle Creek to consider the prospect of adopting a formal organizational structure, James White introduced the idea of a “church covenant.” some in the group were suspicious that this was the beginning of a “creed,” and thus a step toward “becoming Babylon.”

John Loughborough’s blunt response to James Whites’ idea of a “church covenant”. Doings of the Battle Creek Conference, October 5 and 6, 1861,” Review and Herald, October 8, 1861.
“The first step of apostasy is to get up a creed, telling us what we shall believe. The second is to make that creed a test of fellowship. The third is to try members by that creed. The fourth is to denounce as heretics those who do not believe that creed. And fifth, to commence persecution against such.” It is a response we should never forget.

It is most ironic that in 1872 we have a creed that is called a “Statement of Belief.” Today its contents are radically different from the 1872 version and officially incorporated into the church in 1981 by then SDA president Neal C Wilson as the “SDA fundamental beliefs.” Repeatedly

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Seventh-Day Adventist believers have been persecuted and dis-fellowshipped today because they choose to remain true to scriptural beliefs.

Most troubling and sadly Loughborough's predictions are fulfilled to the letter today. The SDA church manual outlined some of the reasons for which member shall be subject to discipline. This is tantamount to nothing less than enforced acceptance and submission to the worship of a false god, enforced acceptance and submission to a human creed while casting aside the word of God, paying of homage to the Roman church in the worship of the "sun god". All these are accomplished insidiously and unknowingly to a generally unsuspecting congregation.

***Many sincerely claim they do not submit to the trinity dogma. But in singing the "trinity sentiments" in some of the SDA hymns are they not unwittingly and unsuspectingly submitting to the false trinity dogma?** Never before in any SDA Hymnal has there been an entire section of hymns dedicated to the trinity. The SDA 1985 hymnal has at least ten such hymns, which designates it as acceptable to Babylon. Indeed, we would be very naive if we did not believe that there are those within our Church who are working deceptively to change the very foundations of our faith.

Before the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans, much had been said about the development of the new Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. Unfortunately, this new but strange hymnal would musically introduce into the Seventh-day Adventist divine worship service hymns and Scripture readings containing Roman Catholic teachings which were totally absent from all earlier Adventist hymnals and songbooks.

*Hymn : Holy, Holy, Holy . This hymn was originally written in the early 1800s by Reginald Heber, an Anglican bishop. In its original form it was a Trinitarian song, which reads at the end of the first and fourth stanzas as follows: "God in three persons, blessed Trinity!" This song was placed in the early Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, **Christ in Songs hymn no 200**, but the trinity part was at that time changed to: "God over all who rules eternity." This song was purposely changed into a non-trinitarian song by faithful Seventh-day Adventists, expressing their views on the trinity back then. In the new 1985 Adventist Hymnal, hymn no 73, this song was changed back to its Anglican trinitarian version.

*** Hymn 27 (Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!): Fifth stanza is as follows: "Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore, The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore."**

Hymn 47 (God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven): In this new hymn, Adventists sing, "Blest Three in One."

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Hymn No. 72 (Creator of the Stars of Night): Adventists are led to sing to a false God with these words: "To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in one."

***Take home message**

Clearly, the falsehood of the trinity dogma is the "omega of deadly heresies."

We should engage in the study of the three angels' message with a prayerful dependence upon God, and a sincere desire to learn His will. Otherwise, evil angels will so blind our minds and harden our hearts that we shall not be impressed by the truth.

As a minimum, read and study the following passages 7 times prayerfully, diligently, and slowly meditate on them with a contrite heart, a humble mind and a teachable spirit.

John chapters 14 to 17; Proverbs 8:22-30; Zechariah chapter 4, Hebrews chapters 1 and 2; Patriarchs & Prophets Chapter 1; John 5:26, Ministry of Healing chapter 35 onwards.

Lastly, Would Naaman be healed of his leprosy if he had not by faith dipped himself in the Jordan river 7 times?