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The Future of Unity & the Trail of the Serpent

Transcript:

Here at the end of time, division is everywhere. It is everywhere in the world, and even in the churches, but this is not the will of God. I believe the Lord has a message for us all. It is a message about the unity Seventh-day Adventists have enjoyed in the past, and about the predictions and perils concerning our unity in the future. So let's take a look at this subject regarding "the Future of unity, and the Trail of the Serpent."

Last September I was watching a video from pastor Doug concerning the Pope's encyclical, and I saw something in this video that caught my eye. First, here's a clip of the video where Pastor Doug is speaking about the Pope's call to keep Sunday holy as a means by which to fight global warming.

Pastor Doug: "And this was the Pope's encyclical on the environment, and in this, please don't miss, he starts his whole video by referencing his famous encyclical on the environment, which says on paragraph 237, 'On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world.'" Now of course this was the Pope's encyclical on the environment...

Now, while pastor Doug is focusing on the issue of the Sabbath, did you see what I saw? Let me roll it back... Right there, right beneath the portion of the encyclical dealing with Sunday rest, I saw the big bold heading "THE TRINITY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CREATURES." I thought, that's pretty interesting -- what does the trinity have to do with the Pope's plan to save the world? So I went to the Vatican website and pulled up the encyclical to see for myself. The full title is rather blasphemous, so I won't even read it, but when we scroll down the document you will see 35 title headings for various portions of the document. As it happens, the portion concerning Sunday rest and the portion concerning the trinity are right together.

The Pope goes on to explain "the world was created by the three Persons" and consequently, "when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity." But why? Why do people need to praise and worship the trinity?

The Pope says "the trinity has left its mark on all creation" and that "the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships." The pope is basically saying that the unity of relationships between people on Earth is to mimic the unity of relationships between the three persons of the trinity, which he says is "the divine model." His concluding remark sums it up when he says, "**Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.**"

Here is the main thrust of the pope's point of this entire section on the trinity. He says the imprint of the trinity is upon nature and relationships and that because everything on earth is "interconnected," our "global solidarity," meaning our global unity, "flows from the mystery of the trinity." In other words, in order to have global unity, it must come through the worship and praise of **"the whole Trinity."**

So then, imagine my surprise then, when I found the same sentiment expressed in the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Fundamental Belief number 14 is entitled **"Unity in the Body of Christ,"** and I read in the last sentence, **"This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children."** I could hardly believe it! The Seventh-day Adventist church, just like the Roman Catholic Church, both believe that unity comes from the worship of the trinity. What can this mean, except the Roman Catholic Church and the Seventh-day Adventist church both, by their own official statements believe that unity can only be achieved on the basis of worshipping the trinity.

This begs the question, is the catholic trinity the same as the Seventh-day Adventist trinity? If they are, then the Roman Catholic Church and the Seventh-day Adventist church are united in their worship of the same god. I know some Adventists say they worship a different version of the trinity than the catholics -- and I recognize every individual has a right to believe what they like and that there are varying opinions and ideas about the trinity -- but, I just want to show that, officially speaking, from the Seventh-day Adventist church's own theologians and publications and the official statements and publications of the Roman Catholic church, that both churches admit that they they worship the same trinity god.

In the current 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church, we read concerning the trinity: **"There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal persons,"** and commenting on these fundamental beliefs, George W. Reid of the Biblical Research Institute writes, **"A reading of the above statements will show that with respect to their doctrine of God Seventh-day Adventists are in harmony with the great creedal statements of Christendom, including the Apostles' Creed, Nicea 325), and the additional definition of faith concerning the Holy Spirit as reached in Constantinople (381)."** (Seventh-day Adventists: A Brief Introduction to their Beliefs, page 6 May, 2000, by George W. Reid, https://adventistbiblicalresearch.org/sites/default/files/pdf/adventist_beliefs_0.pdf)

In this statement, the Biblical Research Institutes acknowledges that the present Seventh-day Adventist Church is in harmony with the Apostle's Creed and **"the additional definition of faith concerning the Holy Spirit as reached in Constantinople."** Concerning this additional definition from Constantinople, the Encyclopedia Britannica, states **"The Council of Constantinople also declared finally the Trinitarian doctrine of the equality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son."** So this is the doctrinal belief that the Biblical Research Institute says the Seventh-day Adventist Church is in harmony with. Furthermore, the catholic church also acknowledges that Adventists share their belief in the trinity. On the website catholic.com, we read an article about Seventh-day Adventists which states **"Seventh-day Adventists agree with many Catholic doctrines, including the Trinity..."** (<http://www.catholic.com/tracts/seventh-day-adventism>)]

Yet, despite the Seventh-day Adventist church having the same belief of the trinity as the catholics, some Adventists, recognizing the dangers of papal doctrines, insist that they do not worship the same trinity god as the catholics. A panelist at a trinity symposium hosted by the Adventist Theological Society said in 2006 **"Secondly, as**

several of the gentlemen have pointed out, the doctrine of the Trinity that we teach is not identical to the doctrine of the Trinity as developed by the Roman Catholic Church... " (A panel participant at the Q&A Session at the end of the Adventist Theological Society's 2006 "Trinity Symposium,")

Is this true? Let's visualize the difference. On the left side of the screen is an illustration of the trinity by Seventh-day Adventists. It appeared in "The New Pictorial Aid for Bible study" on page 74. On the right side of the screen is a visual illustration of the trinity by Catholics that appears on the website Catholic Bible 101. As you can probably tell, the biggest difference, is, that the Adventists prefer color.. my point simply being, there is no difference.

The real issue however comes down to the matter of whether God is one being or three. The orthodox trinitarian believes God is one being consisting of three persons while the trithiest believes God is three beings. So, to simplify things, let's take a look at whether catholics and Adventists believe this trinity god is one being, or three.

According to Catholic Answers, under the heading of "the trinity," catholics believe **"that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are three divine persons who are one divine being (God)."**

Once again, when we look to the Biblical Research Institute for the official doctrine and teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist church they state **"we do not worship three Gods, but one God who reveals Himself in and consists of three persons."** So here the Biblical Research Institute which upholds and explains the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church, agrees with the catholic trinity doctrine, that there is one God who is three persons. The statement continues, **"The three persons share one indivisible nature...** Then they clarify again, **"We do not believe in three Gods but one God in three persons. These three personalities participate in one substance. In the divine unity there are three coeternal and coequal persons, who, though distinct, are the one undivided God."** (Ekkehardt Mueller, Biblical Research Institute, Reflections newsletter, July 2008, Page 9, 'Scripture Applied, - A Bible Study')

So the official Seventh-day Adventist publication from the Biblical Research Institute states **"we do not believe in three Gods."** This is a significant departure from the believe of most Adventists as they do believe in three gods. But the Church itself believes in **"one God in three persons,"** and how that works is of course, a mystery, nevertheless he concludes that these "three personalities" are "one substance." And a few days after adding this statement into this video, I came across a horrifying realization. In the definition of the trinity in the Catholic catechism, it states the exact same thing -- almost word for word. They say on line 253, **"We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity."** To point out the obvious, its almost as if the Biblical Research Institute copied this same statement from the catechism and re-worded it without changing the meaning. Just like the Adventists, they **"do not confess"** or worship **"three gods, but one God in three persons."** And then both statements conclude saying that this one god in three persons is of **"one substance"** which is what "consubstantial" means: **"of the same substance or essence."** ([link](#)) What can I logically conclude then, except, if the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Roman Catholic Church have for all intents and purposes the same definition of God, then they worship the same god.

Other Seventh-day Adventist theologians and church publications similarly state **"the trinity is one indivisible God"** and **"He is one substance"** and **"one undivided and adorable God"** and there are **"three distinct divine Persons... constituting**

the one divine trinitarian being” so here again Seventh-day Adventists, like the catholics, believe God is one being. That God is one being, is true trinitarianism. **“Trinitarianism is the orthodox belief that there is but one living and true God. Nevertheless this one God is a unity of three persons, who are of one substance”** and **“the Three are obviously one, inextricably bound together in one divine substance”** and constitute **“one divine trinitarian being”** and **“One being’ but three persons is the language we use”** says Paul Petersen in the [article](#) **“God in Three Persons – in the New Testament,”** by the Biblical Research Institute Release, May 2015. So there you have it right from the Biblical Research Institute. The Seventh-day Adventist understanding of God, is that He is one being, and the three persons are of one substance -- which is not like the catholic doctrine, it IS the catholic doctrine..

Therefore the Seventh-day Adventist Church officially believes the Bible refers to one divine being, of one substance, and **“NOT TO A PLURALITY OF DIVINE BEINGS.”** (Fernando L. Canale, **Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Theology, ‘Doctrine of God,’ the Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia Volume 12, pg.109**) This view that this one being called God is made up of three persons but still is of one substance, is precisely the orthodox trinitarian view. One Adventist pastor wrote **“True orthodox Trinitarian dogma insists on three difference hypostases (or ousia) IN ONE BEING- a Tri-Unity.”** (Pastor Jan Voerman, **Ellen White and the Trinity, pg. 9**) And we can confirm this is the catholic view as the Vatican states in the catechism on its website that **“The Church uses (I) the term "substance" (rendered also at times by "essence" or "nature") to designate the divine being in its unity, (II) the term "person" or "hypostasis" to designate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them.”** So the catholic trinitarian view is synonymous with the teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Both believe in one divine being that is one substance, which somehow is made up of three persons. Therefore, I can really come to no other conclusion than to realize the Seventh-day Adventist church officially acknowledges and worships the god of the Antichrist. Some may say such a statement is harsh, or accusatory, or even mean, but for me personally, having a love for the truth, I’m not interested psychological projections, or how awful something may feel -- I only want to know one thing -- is it true?.

Though the Seventh-day Adventist church has officially adopted the trinity doctrine, this wasn’t always the case.

“The [Seventh-day Adventist] church gradually shifted during from the 1930s to 1950s to the ‘orthodox’ Christian view on the trinity and deity of Christ” (Merlin Burt, **‘Demise of Semi-Arianism and anti-trinitarianism in Adventist theology, 1888-1957 page 47)**

But this does not mean all Seventh-day Adventists today believe orthodox trinitarian view as officially understood and taught by the church. In fact, most don’t, and instead they teach and believe there are three divine beings and not just one. The Adventist Review published an article in 1996 saying **“one of the divine beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation.”** (Gordon Jenson (President of Spicer Memorial College, Pune, India, **“Jesus, the Heavenly Intercessor”, Adventist Review, Oct. 31, 1996. 12/32,** <https://adventistdigitallibrary.org/adl-356215/adventist-review-october-31-1996>) On the Amazing Facts website they say **“the God who created, is composed of three separate beings...”** But on the Official Seventh-day Adventist Church website, adventist.org, the church stated **“Immortal, all-powerful and all-loving, God is a relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The only being worthy of our**

worship...” So even on the official seventh-day adventist church website, they state that they believe God is one being, or at least, they did. Sometime in 2018 the church re-worded this statement, removing the reference to God as “the only being.” Nevertheless, the official teaching of the church is still that God is one being while some leading ministers and publications in the church teach there are three divine beings.

Shelley Quinn: **“But you have something that you say about the three beings, the three heavenly beings, that that is the perfect number for love...”**

In this interview on 3ABN, the Adventist Church’s largest TV network, Shelley Quinn refers to God as **“three divine beings.”** And just four minutes later in the same interview, she had this to say.

Shelley Quinn: **“But when we say an extreme three, we believe that three divine persons equal one divine being.”**

Ty Gibson: **“Yeah, that’s right. That’s right.”**

So is God three divine beings? Or one divine being? Shelly’s confusion accurately represents the confusion that exists within the church among Adventists. Whether God is one being or three, will depend on who you ask.

Along with most of the leading ministers in the church, most Seventh-day Adventists are tritheists, since they believe god is three beings, which technically is polytheism, meaning, many gods. At a Seventh-day Adventist trinity symposium in November of 2019 the presenters were asked, ‘In describing the unity of God, how do we avoid tritheism?’ And the response was...

DR. Mathew Tinkham: **“That’s, that’s the challenge with this. So how do we do this? I think that it’s always important to remind ourselves when we’re talking about the trinity that we, that we do have a strong understanding of God’s oneness. If we do not maintain that we are not monotheistic Christians. We are indeed polytheists and that’s not Christianity. So Adventism has a tendency as Dr Bauer as pointed out toward tritheism that we have to be very careful of.”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Za0NIXptYtM>

It was stated that tritheism is not Christianity and that is true, because its polytheism; the belief in many gods, which is paganism. The Apostle Paul spoke of such saying **“For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”** (1 Corinthians 8:5-6)

With the Seventh-day Adventist church and the roman catholic church, officially holding the same doctrinal position on the trinity of one divine being in three persons, the Seventh-day Adventist church is already united with the Papacy in its understanding and worship of god. This is incredibly dangerous because **“The third angel’s message has been sent forth to the world, warning men against receiving the mark of the beast or of his image in their foreheads or in their hands. To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast has done, and to advocate the same ideas, in direct opposition to the Word of God. Of all who receive this mark, God says, “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence**

of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” ... {7BC 979.12} To those who have not thoroughly studied the subject of God or the trinity as for their life, I ask, what will it avail you, to worship the wrong god on the right day? Where will your worship fall during the culmination of the last war over worship? Will you unite in worshipping the god of the beast?

Revelation 13

In Revelation chapter 13 we read about a global unity, when the prophecy says “all the world wondered after the beast.” (Rev 13:3) When it says “all the world,” we might call that, “global solidarity,” or global unity, since “all the world” is doing something -- together. And what are they doing together? We read in the following words “they worshipped the dragon.” Again, later in verse 8, “**And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,**” (Revelation 13:8) This prophecy in the book of revelation does in fact reveal that there will be a form of global unity -- and what is it they are all united in? It is worship. So when the Pope, the spokesman of the first beast speaks, and says “**global solidarity.. flows from the mystery of the Trinity,**” and the Seventh-day Adventist church at the same time believes “**this unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God**” we ought to recognize in these statements not only the fulfillment of the prophecies of Revelation 13, but the inclusion of the Seventh-day Adventist church in those prophecies, uniting in the worship of the beast and it's trinity god. I know many Christians don't believe they are worshipping the same god as the Antichrist, but therein lies the danger of the deception.

Jesus said to the woman at the well, “**Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.**” (John 4:22) And after telling the woman that she did not know what she was worshipping, He added, “**But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**” (John 4:23-24) Jesus instructs her that if we are to worship God, it must be in both Spirit and in Truth. If our worship of God is not according to truth, our worship is in vain, as Jesus Himself said “**Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**” (Mark 7:7) If ever the hour comes when we are too worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, it is when message goes forth that “**the hour of his judgment is come:**” accompanied with the command to “**worship Him...**” And that time, began 175 years ago.

Now, in Revelation 13 and verse 11, along comes the second beast, the United States of America. And what does it do? It “**he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast...**” (Revelation 13:12) The United States, will not only adopt the worship of the beast, since it is a part of “**the earth and all that dwell therein,**” but it will actually enforce the worship of the Papacy, the Roman catholic church -- and it will do so by force, since the USA will “**both speak,**” that is, to legislate and pass laws, telling the people what they should do, “**and cause**” that is, to force “**that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**” (Revelation 13:15)

To illustrate just how this agenda is moving forward at the highest levels, I want to share a statement from Charles Malik, the former President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. While giving a guest lecture at Harvard, he said:
“**The only hope for the western world lies in an alliance between the Roman Catholic church which is the most commonly, influential, controlling, unifying element in Europe and the Eastern Orthodox church. Rome must unite with Eastern Orthodoxy, because the Eastern Orthodox church controls western**

middle east, [the east end of the Mediterranean] and if they don't solidify that control, Islam will march across Europe. Islam is political. The only hope of the western world lies then in a united Europe under the control of the Pope. And then all Protestant Christians around the globe must come into submission to the Pope so we will have a unified Christian world." [Charles Habib Malik, U.S. diplomat and foreign-service officer, former president of the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council, guest lecture at Harvard]

How does the former president of the United Nations General Assembly foresee "a unified christian world" coming about? By bringing "protestant Christians around the globe... into submission to the Pope." And that is exactly what the prophecies of Revelation 13 tell us will happen. And how difficult will it be to bring the protestant world into submission to the Pope when they already all worship the same god? And most also believe Sunday is the Sabbath and that the soul never dies.

So this worship of the beast and this global solidarity, or unity, is not necessarily accomplished merely by convincing arguments, but also through deception, as the prophecy says he "**deceiveth them that dwell on the earth...**" (Rev 13:14) This unity, when it cannot be secured by convincing arguments, miracles, or even deception, will be secured by force, because if they don't worship the beast or its image, they "**should be killed.**" This is not God's method of bringing about unity, nor will it ever be.

Coercion of Worship

"Force is the last resort of every false religion." I'll say that again because this point ought not to be forgotten -- "Force is the last resort of every false religion." **"At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. So it will be now. The Papacy has exercised her power to compel men to obey her, and she will continue to do so."** {ST May 6, 1897, par. 16}

As with ancient Babylon, every religious entity that is a partaker of modern babylon will likewise employ the same methods -- attraction, amusements and music, and if these means fail, the end of that false religion, will be force.

But, **"The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do."** The only being in all the universe that could make know the Father, was the Son, who "proceeded forth and came from God" (John 8:42) "who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person" (Hebrews 1:3) was also God in nature. **"Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God."** (GC 493) And having been brought forth from the Father, **"Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings."** Malachi 4:2. {DA 22.1}

When we behold the compassion, love and tender sympathies of Christ, we are seeing the Father, as Jesus said **“he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;” (John 14:9)** Never did Jesus force anyone to worship him. **“The pope claims to be the vicar of Christ; but how does his character bear comparison with that of our Saviour? Was Christ ever known to consign men to the prison or the rack because they did not pay Him homage as the King of heaven?” (GC 570)** **“He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded...”** it must be **“awakened.”**

We see once again that selfless love is the basis of unity in Heaven. Shall we think then, that God will employ force to bring unity among His people on Earth? Of course not. And so, in stark contrast to the methods of unity employed by Heaven are the methods of unity employed by men -- as most prominently seen in the Roman Catholic church.

“The great error of the Romish Church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of the opinions of the “fathers.” Their opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do, and to use force to compel the conscience. Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the word of God, to be obeyed as the voice of God, which declares His will to the people. The will and voice of finite man are not to be interpreted as the voice of God.” {FE 308.1}

Whenever and wherever dignitaries of any church interpret the Bible in the light of the opinions of the traditions of men and then assume it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do and seek to compel the conscience by threatening them with punishment, censorship, calling them heretics or disfellowshipping them, or even killing them, you may be sure it is the spirit of the Romish Church and that of Antichrist that is striving for conformity of its members to its creed by any means necessary -- especially when such, will not even so much as sit down and engage in an open and honest investigation of the scriptures. Jesus warned us those who take the Bible as it reads and reject false ideas about god like the trinity, and maintain the true worship of the Father and Son, will suffer persecution.

“These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.” (John 16:1-3)

In this statement, it is unmistakably clear, those doing the persecuting do not recognize or know the Father nor the Son -- they will know only the god of this world, the trinity god from whose worship and praise springs the global solidarity and unity that brings the entire world under the banner and worship of the beast.

This mark of the beast, test, we know to be over the law of God, and in particular, those laws that pertain to the worship of God. Rather than worship Him on the Seventh-day Sabbath, the memorial of His creation and the sign of His government, those who worship the beast, will embrace the counterfeit sabbath -- Sunday worship, which is the sign of the Papal government and of its power to change the law of God -- as Daniel prophesied when he wrote **“he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws:” (Daniel 7:25)**

As Pastor Doug’s video points, out, the Papacy is indeed ramping up its efforts to

promote Sunday observance, presenting it as not only a means by which to curb global warming, but thereby, making Sunday sabbath observance an ethical mandate necessary to be enforced for the common good of all mankind.

Nancy Pelosi: **“And Just last week, the Pope met with President Trump and gave him a copy of his encyclical Laudato Si’, which made the case for strong urgent action to halt the climate crisis. The Pope wrote, “The climate is a common good belonging to all and meant for all.” The Bible tells us to minister to the needs of God’s creation is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us.”**

Those who obey this law when it comes will receive the mark of the beast. But this last epic battle over worship, is not relegated to the Sabbath alone. The Third Angel’s message warns us about this class of false worshippers, saying **“they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:11)**

In this one verse, is a warning against those who violate any of the first four commandments of God’s law that pertain to worship. With regard to these false worshippers, we see they **“have no rest,”** because they violate the fourth commandment inviting us to enter God’s sabbath rest on the seventh-day. Those who worship the beast, also receive **“the mark of his name”** (Revelation 14:11) which is a transgression of the third commandment to **“not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;”** (Exodus 20:7). Those who worship the beast also worship **“his image,”** which is a violation of the second commandment forbidding the worship of images, and they violate the first commandment because they **“worship the beast,”** which is a violation of God’s command, **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** (Exodus 20:3)

Therefore, lest those who think the third angel’s message pertains only to the Sabbath take note, that the Third Angel’s Message pertains to the first four commandments of the law of God -- all of which, pertain to the worship of the True God in contrast to that of the false trinity god of Babylon, its image and idols, its “names of blasphemy” (Rev 17:3) and its idolatrous counterfeit sabbath of Sunday worship. It is this counterfeit sabbath day, when observed, that renders homage and worship to the sun god called trinity.

This is not my opinion, this is what the catholics say about their own day of worship. From the roman catholic catechism, the book of faith and doctrine for the Roman Catholic church we read:

“Question: What is Sunday, or the Lord's Day in general? □ Answer: It is a day dedicated by the Apostles TO THE HONOUR OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, and in memory that Christ our Lord arose from the dead upon Sunday, sent down the holy Ghost on a Sunday, &c. and therefore is called the Lord's Day. It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of Dies Solis, the day of the sun, to which it was sacred.” — (The Douay Catechism of 1649, p. 143)

From this statement, we see that Sunday, the day of the worship of the sun, is dedicated to the worship of the trinity. Therefore it is the trinity god that receives the homage and worship of those who observe the sun day. Clearly, the day of worship, and the god that is worshiped, are linked together. They are linked together in the catechism, they are linked together in the Pope’s encyclical, and they are linked together in the prophecies of Revelation and the third angel’s message, and they are linked together in the apostasy that took place at the base of Mt Sinai.

Mt Sinai

We read in Exodus 32 and verse 3 **“And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 32:3-4)** Aaron, the high priest, (Not a heathen or an egyptian), but the brother of the leader of the chosen people of God, participated in the idolatry of the people by fashioning for them a golden calf. And then he pronounced that this idol was the God that led them out of Egypt. And then, as an act of homage to this new god, Aaron, by his own authority, proclaimed a day of worship to the new god. In the next verse we read **“And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.” (Exodus 32:5)** This feast day was not ordained of God nor sanctioned by god, nor commanded by God. It was a man-made day of worship -- and this is exactly what we have today with Sunday. It is a man made day of worship dedicated to the man-made god -- the trinity; and it is to this god the whole world will be united in worship. Just as Aaron said to the Israel, **“these be thy gods, O Israel which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt,”** many today are saying of the trinity, ‘these be thy gods O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Babylon.’ Really? Is the god of Egypt the god that led Israel out of Egypt? Is the god of Babylon, the god that led us out of Babylon? “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (1 Corinthians 10:11)

The Sonship of Christ

It goes without saying that true Biblical unity can never be based on false worship, which begs the question, what should it be based on? When it comes to Biblical unity, I read in Ephesians chapter 4 of the time when **“we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God..” (Ephesians 4:13)** Do we want a **“unity of the faith?”** Of course we do, and what is the **“unity of the faith”** based on? It is based on **“the knowledge of the Son of God.”**

Peter said to Jesus **“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 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.” (Matthew 16:17-18)** “When the Saviour asked His disciples the question, **“Whom say ye that I am?”** Peter answered, **“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** Said Christ, **“Upon this Rock,”** not on Peter, but on the Son of God, **“will I build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” [Matthew 16:15-18.] {Lt65-1905.9}** Ellen White says **“Peter had expressed the truth which is the foundation of the church’s faith..” (DA 413)** The confession that Christ is the Son of God is **“the foundation of the church’s faith”** and the promise is that **“the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”**

Unfortunately, today the Seventh-day Adventist church teaches that this truth which is **“the foundation of the church’s faith”** is just a metaphor. They believe **“the father-son image cannot be literally applied to the divine Father-Son relationship within the Godhead. The Son is not the natural, literal Son of the Father,”** and **“The term “Son” is used metaphorically when applied to the Godhead.” (“A Question of Sonship” by Ángel Manuel Rodríguez,**

<https://www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/materials/godgodhead-jesus-christ/question-sonship>) The Biblical Research Institute also writes **“The sonship of Jesus, however, is not ontological, but functional. In the plan of salvation each member of the trinity has accepted a particular role.”** (The Trinity In Scripture by Gerhard Pfandl, Biblical Research Institute, Silver Spring, MD. June 1999) While the Seventh-day Adventist church may not believe that Jesus is literally a Son, this was not always the case.

Ellen White wrote **“Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. I am following no cunningly devised fable.”** (ST September 3, 1894, par. 4) And after addressing God as His Father in Prayer before the tomb of Lazarus, Ellen White comments **“Here the disciples and the people were to be given the most convincing evidence in regard to the relationship between Christ and God. They were to be shown that Christ’s claim was not a deception.”** (DA 536.1) Even while in Heaven she believed He was God’s Son, saying **“When Christ first announced to the heavenly host His mission and work in the world, He declared that He was to leave His position of dignity and disguise His holy mission by assuming the likeness of a man, when in reality He was the Son of the infinite God.”** (Lt303-1903.13)

If **“the foundation of the church’s faith”** was to be the belief that Jesus Christ is **“the son of the living God,”** and the **“unity of the faith,”** was to be based on **“the knowledge of the Son of God,”** then how can present-day the Seventh-day Adventist church experience **“unity of the faith”** if they are united in believing that Jesus is not really a Son? Sister White writes about Seventh-day Adventists and says **“By their unity they will bear witness that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world to save all who will believe in Him as their personal Saviour.”** {GW 360.3} I read that Christ is a Son, He was begotten, and then, after He was begotten, He was sent into the world. So how then, can the seventh-day Adventist church bear witness that **“God has sent His only begotten son into the world,”** when their belief in the trinity prohibits them from believing Jesus is really a Son, forces them into the position that Christ was never begotten of God, and that He only took on the title and role of a metaphorical son after He was in the world? **“False doctrine is one of the satanic influences that work in the church, and brings into it those who are unconverted in heart... They do not labor for the unity of spirit for which Christ prayed, which would make the testimony of Christ’s disciples effective in convincing the world that God had sent His Son into the world..”** {GRC 32.3}

The unity of the faith Christians are to bear, is that Jesus Christ is **“the Son of the infinite God,”** and this claim is **“not a deception”** but **“a reality.”** Ellen white boldly declared **“Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. I am following no cunningly devised fable.”** (ST September 3, 1894, par. 4)

Now think about this for a moment, if **“unity of the faith”** of Christ’s church on Earth is to be based on **“the knowledge of the Son of God.”** Would not the same hold true for the church in Heaven? It was amazing to me when I was studying this subject, to see that the very same method the devil is using to destroy a unity of the faith here on Earth, he had already used to destroy the unity of Heaven; and he did so by seeking to destroy **“the knowledge of the Son of God.”**

“Well, Lucifer, he was striving; he had glory in the heavenly courts, but he was striving for Christ’s place next to God. Next he wanted to be God, but he could not obtain that. Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and Lucifer, that glorious angel, got up a warfare over the matter...” (Ms86-1910, August 21, 1910, par. 30) In an effort to validate his claim to have a position next to Christ, Lucifer

attempted to convince the angels that Christ was not really God's only begotten Son. But **"Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. They justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Christ, and with forcible reasoning sought to convince Lucifer that no less honor was his now than before the Father had proclaimed the honor which He had conferred upon His Son. They clearly set forth that Christ was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created."** (Ellen G. White, *Story of Redemption*, 15.2) By casting doubt and contempt upon **"the knowledge of the Son of God,"** Lucifer was able to destroy the unity of Heaven, until finally, **"...there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels..."** (Revelation 12:7) The rebellion had begun. The unity of Heaven was fraught with disunity -- over whether or not Christ was the only-begotten Son of God. The Bible tells us **"the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."** (Revelation 12:9) The angels that sided with the devil in his warfare against the Sonship of Christ were cast out; and with regard to those angels that sided with satan, Ellen White tells us what their objective was. **"This fact the angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ. One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts among the angels."** (Lt42-1910.3) The fallen angels joined lucifer in "obscuring the FACT," not a metaphor or a role-play, but "the fact... that Christ was the only begotten Son of God." And we read of the devil **"he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."** And now that the devil is on the Earth, what will he do? He **"deceiveth the whole world."** And with what lie do you suppose he will use to deceive the whole world? **"He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him" and that "he is a liar, and the father of it."** (John 8:44) The devil was **"a liar" "from the beginning."** And what does a liar do? **"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."** (1 John 2:22) And this is exactly what the trinity doctrine is -- it is a doctrine of Antichrist that denies that Jesus is the Son of God, and denies that He was begotten of God. This is the same lie the devil used in Heaven as Sister White confirmed saying **"this fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God."** From the beginning of the war in Heaven, the devil was spreading lies that denied that the fact that Jesus was the only-begotten Son of God; and in this manner the devil destroyed the unity of the church in Heaven, and now, he is spreading the lie of the trinity, which has likewise destroyed the **"unity of the faith" and "the knowledge of the Son of God"** among God's people here on Earth.

"Any betrayal of the church is treachery to Him who has bought mankind with the blood of His only-begotten Son. From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven. He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people." {AA 11.2}

Notice that "His Church" that the **"gates of hell have not been able to prevail against"** is described as **"His people."** And **"His people"** are here defined as **"faithful souls,"** and these, **"faithful souls"** are those who **"have constituted the church on Earth,"** and these **"faithful souls"** who **"have constituted the church on earth,"** are those who like Peter have believed in **"His only-begotten Son."** And

“In Every age the Lord has had his watchmen.” These watchmen are the faithful souls who have believed in and declared the remission of sins by faith in His only begotten Son. In every age, God has had a people who have believed in and taught that Jesus Christ really is, the only-begotten Son of God; and such a people will always exist.

“...God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms.” (GC 595) And in the mid 1800s God raised up such a people. He brought thousands upon thousands out of their fallen protestant denominations, many of which at the time professed a belief in the trinity, and He brought them together. Through much study and prayer and the miraculous and inspired testimonies of Sister White, God led a people from varying false ideas and backgrounds, to unite together in their firm belief that Jesus Christ was the Son of the infinite God. These people united and eventually organized in 1863, calling themselves, the Seventh-day Adventists.

The Fundamental Principles

In 1872, this organization of Seventh-day Adventists published a document titled **“FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES TAUGHT AND PRACTICED BY THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.”**

In their opening statement, they declare **“In presenting to the public this synopsis of our faith, we wish to have it distinctly understood that we have no articles of faith, creed, or discipline, aside from the Bible. We do not put forth this as having any authority with our people, nor is it designed to secure uniformity among them, as a system of faith, but is a brief statement of what is, and has been, WITH GREAT UNANIMITY, held by them.” {FP1872 3.1}**

In this declaration upon which they held **“with great unanimity,”** they declare **“That there is one God, A personal, spiritual being...”** not three gods, but one God, and concerning Jesus they believe **“That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father.”** There is no trinity, no co-eternal gods or one god in three persons -- just **“one God”** the Father, and **“one Lord Jesus Christ”** who is **“the Son of the Eternal Father.”** And upon this rock, the Seventh-day Adventist church was formed.

These fundamental principles were not a creed, nor did it have **“any authority with our people,”** meaning, it was not enforced and not used as a test of membership. So does this mean there was lots of dissenting ideas and no unity? No! To the contrary, their testimony bears record that in their time, the non-trinitarian view of God was **“with great unanimity, held by them.”** I've been told that many of the church's pioneers had varying opinions and ideas concerning God. That their understanding of God was not clear, but undeveloped and immature and therefore there was no unity among them. But this is not what their record bears. They wrote this understanding of God **“has been”** held by them **“with great unanimity,”** meaning, not only in 1872 at the time of this writing, but also in the past leading up to 1872. Was this unity short lived? Absolutely not. It was strengthened. Seventeen years later, in the 1889 Year book of the **“Fundamental Principles of Seventh-day Adventists”** they write once again in the opening statement, **“The following propositions may be taken as a summary of the principal features of their religious faith, upon which there is, so far as we know, entire unanimity throughout the body.” {FP1889 147.1}** When they say there was **“so far as we know, entire unanimity throughout the body,”** not only are they saying they were united as a body -- but they were so united, they were not even aware of any dissension!

Concerning the fundamental principles of Seventh-day Adventists, Ellen White wrote **“We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time... We may be strengthened and confirmed in the past experience that holds us to the essential points of truth which have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time... Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.”** {Ms111-1905.4} Ellen White wrote in 1905 that these **“principles of our denominated faith”** were **“substantiated by the Holy Spirit”** and that from 1844 to 1905 when she wrote this, that **“Not a word is changed or denied”** and these **“principles of our denominated faith,”** were **“testified to as truth”** by **“the Holy Spirit.”** She also wrote **“Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.”** (Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 59 (1904). CW 52.1)

These fundamental principles declaring there is one God and His Son were **“based on unquestionable authority”** and were held by **Seventh-day Adventists with “entire unanimity throughout the body.”** But, just as satan got up a warfare over the matter of Christ being the only begotten Son to disrupt the unity of heaven, he would now wage war against the unity of God’s people on Earth, with the same false ideas regarding the Sonship of Jesus as held in their fundamental principles.

Ellen White warned **“Satan is creeping in with his sophistry to undermine the principles of our faith.”** (Ms66-1905.29) And **“Satan hopes to involve the remnant people of God in the general ruin that is coming upon the earth. As the coming of Christ draws nigh, he will be more determined and decisive in his efforts to overthrow them.”** Now pay attention because now she’s going to reveal how Satan will attempt to overthrow Seventh-day Adventists. **“Men and women will arise professing to have some new light or some new revelation, whose tendency is to unsettle faith in the old landmarks. Their doctrines will not bear the test of God’s word, yet souls will be deceived.”** (5T 296) Sister White doesn’t say here what they will claim as new light, but she does speak of the effect that new light will have, in that it will **“unsettle faith in the old landmarks.”** Going into more detail with regard to how satan will unsettle the faith of Seventh-day Adventists in these old landmarks, she says **“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.” (1SM 204.2)

This prophecy is not about some future time, it has already been fulfilled because, as of 1980, the Seventh-day Adventist church officially no longer holds to the fundamental principles. In order to proclaim the new trinitarian view as correct, it is said to have been “new light” and the former fundamental principles that “are based upon unquestionable authority” were “**accounted as error,**” and so it was, that our religion was changed, and this prophecy fulfilled. Our religion has been changed so much, that even leading Adventist historian George Knight acknowledges the founders of the Adventist church would not be able to join the church today because of the trinity doctrine.

“Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination's Fundamental Beliefs. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief number 2, which deals with the doctrine of the trinity.” (George R. Knight--professor of church history at the Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan; Ministry, October, 1993, p. 10)

“The enemy has worked upon the minds of some and has led them to do violence to our past experience by mingling with the truth erroneous and false theories. He has led ministers and teachers to weave into their doctrines some pleasing figures of his own invention. Every deviation from the truth as we have advocated it in the past is a departure from truth that has been witnessed by the Holy Spirit and upon which God has placed His seal.” (Lt87-1905.6)

Without a doubt, the Seventh-day Adventist church has in fact, deviated from the truths as they were advocated in the past, and as clear as can be, Ellen White has warned that every such deviation “**is a departure from the truth that has been witnessed by the Holy Spirit and upon which God has placed His seal.**” The Seventh-day Adventists held with “**great unanimity**” that Jesus Christ was the “**Son of the Eternal Father.**” They had come into “**unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God...**” (Ephesians 4:13), but sadly, shortly after 1888, the enemy of souls had brought about the new reformation which consisted of giving up the fundamental principles that were the foundation of our faith. So serious is this sin, that God Himself gave Ellen White instructions for His people if they should do this. She wrote, “**I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people.**” (Lt242-1903.18) This instruction is from no man, but is from Jesus Himself -- that such people that teach doctrines, such as the trinity that “**tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people.**” But who is the enemy? Is it the religious leaders? The pastors? What does the Word of God Say? “**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**” (Ephesians 6:12) It is satan and his angels that are the enemies of the faith. Jesus did warn us there would be wolves among the flock, but in the end, the wolves who have deceived the sheep, and the sheep who have allowed themselves to be deceived, are both, alike, bewitched of satan and will in the end, both be his victims. We must plead for, pray for and appeal to those in the church, the brethren and the leaders alike, but especially the leaders who have taken upon themselves the responsibility for the souls under their influence. This crisis is not new. Speaking of the time of Jesus, “**So perverted had the priesthood become that when Christ declared himself the Son of God, Caiaphas, in pretended horror, rent his robe,**

and accused the Holy One of Israel of blasphemy,” and the same thing is happening today. (RH June 12, 1900, par. 3)

Nevertheless, if such leaders are not to be acknowledged as teachers and leaders, how then can those of us who believe in the original fundamental principles of the Seventh-day Adventists, have unity of the faith with those who have rejected “the knowledge of the Son of God” upon which these principles were based?

Now, I’m emphasizing the fundamental principles the Seventh-day Adventist church was given of God for a reason -- and that reason has to do with unity. Listen carefully to this next statement concerning the future of unity among Seventh-day Adventists.

Unity in the Future

“If your faith in the Word of God is strengthened; if you will fully accept the truths that have called us out of the world and made us a people denominated by the Lord as His peculiar treasure; if you will unite with your brethren in standing by the old landmarks, then there will be unity. But you remain in unbelief, unsettled as to the true foundation of faith; there can be no hope of any more unity in the future than there has been in the past.” (11MR 319.1)

Mark her words carefully. If you “**remain in unbelief,**” concerning “**the truths that have called us out of the world and made us a people denominated by the Lord,**” and if you remain “**unsettled as to the true foundation of faith**” but instead embrace a false foundation, accounting the fundamental principles “upon which God has placed His seal” as error, then “**there can be no hope of any more unity in the future than there has been in the past.**” If Seventh-day Adventists today, accept as truth the trinity doctrine, and account as error the fundamental principles given to Seventh-day Adventists, then there is “**no hope of any more unity in the future than there has been in the past.**” In the past, there was “entire unanimity throughout the body.” But if we reject the fundamental principles they were united upon, then there is no hope of experiencing this kind of unity in the future. In short, Seventh-day Adventists will only experience “**unity of the faith**” when the return to the fundamental principles that were testified to by the Holy Spirit and included “**the knowledge of the Son of God.**” (Eph 4:13) Short of this, the only unity that will exist in the church, will be with the beast, since both have already stated their source of unity is in the worship of the triune god.

As Seventh-day Adventists depart from these fundamental principles, there will be only strife. Let’s look briefly look at a real-world example of this. In 1903 the well-known Adventist medical doctor John Harvey Kellogg was looked up to by many within the church. He was a prominent figure within the church, but in the early 1900s Dr. Kellogg’s views about God began to depart from those established in the denomination’s fundamental principles for the previous 31 years. Dr. Kellogg had adopted pantheistic views about the presence and personality of God. After a significant push back against his views by Sister White and others within the church at the autumn council of 1903, Dr. Kellogg changed his tune just days later, by adopting a trinitarian view of God. In a letter dated October 29th, 1903 just after the autumn council, A.G. Daniels wrote about a conversation he had with Kellogg. “**“He [Kellogg] then stated that his former views”** (which were nontrinitarian) **regarding the trinity had stood in his way of making a clear and absolutely correct statement but that within a short time he had come to believe in the trinity and could now see pretty clearly where all the difficulty was and believed that he could clear up the matter satisfactorily...He told me that he now believed in God the Father, God**

the Son and God the Holy Ghost and his view was that it was God the Holy Ghost and not God the Father that filled all space and every living thing.” (Letter, A. G. Daniells to W. C. White Oct 29th 1903)

Now, many Seventh-day Adventists, because they believe in the trinity, will try to relegate all of Kellogg’s apostate ideas to that of pantheism alone. That way it won’t seem to incriminate Kellogg’s adoption of the trinity or by extension, their own acceptance of it. Though Ellen White had plenty to say about Kellogg in the months after he accepted the trinity doctrine, such as **“his mind is being worked by the very one who seduced the angels of God in the heavenly courts”** and **“he is working under the advice of the one who talked with Eve,” (13MR 378.2)** and that he is **“pursuing a course that God could not approve and bless,” (SpTB07 55.2)** This does not seem to have stopped trinitarians today from adopting the same view that Kellogg had when Ellen White wrote that satan was leading him. This is why it is so important that we not **“forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history.” (Ms139-1901.28)**

But, with regard to Kellogg, it matters not whether Adventists say Kellogg’s belief in the trinity is the problem, or his belief in pantheism is the problem. It doesn’t matter, and reason why, is because the root and heart of the issue, and the majority of Sister White’s warnings, were again the result of accepting such views -- and the result of accepting his theories, was that they undermined the fundamental principles that Seventh-day Adventists had been building upon for over fifty years. So whichever theory of Kellogg’s you choose to say was error, the real danger, whether you believe it to be pantheism, or the trinity, was that it contradicted the truths which God had already testified to by His Spirit. For years Ellen White warned that such views as Kellogg’s, would undermine the foundation principles of Seventh-day Adventists. Here are some of the warnings she gave.

“This is Satan’s device to unsettle the foundation of our faith, to shake our confidence in the Lord’s guidance and in the experience that He has given us... Many things of like character will in the future arise. I entreat our medical missionary workers to be afraid to trust the suppositions and devising of any human being who entertains the thought that the path over which the people of God have been led for the last fifty years is a wrong path. Beware of those who, not having had any decided experience in the leading of the Lord’s Spirit, would suppose that this leading is all a fallacy; that we have not the truth; that we are not the people of the Lord, gathered by Him from all countries and nations. Beware of those who would tear down the foundation, upon which we have been building for the last fifty years, to establish a new doctrine. I know that these new theories are from the enemy...”

Title Card: The phrases “God the Son” and “God the Holy Spirit” do not appear even once in the Bible or the writing of Ellen White.

Ted Wilson: **“We seem to have a movement by people in various places around the world who want to go back to a particular viewpoint, which is as you mentioned an Arian viewpoint, which many of our early pioneers did adhere to, but as they moved into a fuller understanding of what scripture says and what also Ellen White very strongly affirms through her prophetic writings, that God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit have been together from eternity and will be together through eternity.”**

“...The enemy is seeking to bring in among the people of God spiritualistic theories, which if accepted, would undermine the foundation of the faith that

has made us what we are...I know that the leaders in the medical missionary work do not know whither their steps are tending. I call upon them to stop before they take another step to tear away the strongholds of our faith.” (Nov. 12, 1903, Ms137-1903) □ “We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time had not lessened their value.” (Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51 (1904). CW 52.2) “Not a stone is to be moved in the foundation of this truth—not a pillar moved.... The time has come when even in the church and in our institutions, some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” (—Letter 237, 1904, pp. 5, 6. (To Brother Butler, July 14, 1904.) 7MR 188.1) “many are in danger of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the foundation pillars of the faith.” (Lt263-1904.13) “Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary, or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift, without an anchor.” (Ms62-1905.14) “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 more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception.” (GW 307.1) “But if these theories are received, they will lead to a denial of the truth that for the past fifty years God has been giving to His people, substantiating it by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit.” (Letter 329, 1905. 1SM 162.1) “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 fifty years. Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith, I have something to say? I must obey the command, “Meet it!”(1SM 207.3) “Some of the leaders in the medical work have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the past fifty years has been torn away.” (SpTB07 38.2) “How dare any one seek to make of no effect the experience of Seventh-day Adventists for the last fifty years.” (Ms117a01903.10) “The mind that cherishes sentiments that tend to destroy the foundation of the faith that has made us what we are becomes confused, and cannot discern between truth and error.” (7MR 189.3) “When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No aftersuppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained...And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake.” (CW 32) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” “The time of this apostasy is here. Every conceivable effort will be made to throw doubt upon the positions that we have occupied for over half a century.” (Lt410-1907.7) “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? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand the 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.” (SpTB07 38.1)

Now pay particular attention to the last statement. **“This foundation was built by the master worker, and will stand the storm and tempest.”** Those who are not standing on this foundation will embrace **“doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God.”** This is the true foundation. These are the biblical doctrines embraced in the fundamental principles **“upon which God has placed His seal.”** Now, let’s look at the other foundation. We already read this other statement speaking about the **“great reformation”** that **“the enemy of souls has sought to bring in”** that would **“take place among Seventh-day Adventists.”** And this foundation constituted a change of the seventh-day Adventist religion, as she warned **“OUR religion would be changed.”** It would be changed because **“the fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error.”** And Sister White concludes, **“Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.”** {1SM 204.2} So here’s the bottom line. Upon which foundation are you standing? Tell me if you stand upon the **“the doctrines”** of our **“fundamental principles that have sustained the work”** for the first fifty years of the Advent movement or if you have accepted **“doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God”** and I will tell you upon which foundation you stand -- and the future of it. One foundation was **“built by the master worker”** and **“will stand the storm and tempest,”** and the other foundation that has **“accounted the fundamental principles as error”** is **“built on the sand, and storm and tempest will sweep away the structure.”** There are two foundations, but both of them exist within Seventh-day Adventism. The Foundation built by the master worker includes **“the knowledge of the Son of God,”** and we see those who stood on this foundation in the past enjoyed **“great unanimity”** and **“unity of faith.”** And then there is the corporate Seventh-day Adventist church today that is seeking for forced conformity to its 28 fundamental beliefs. All Seventh-day Adventists are right now standing on one of these two foundations. So which one are you on?

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, is the man of whom Sister White spoke when she said **“Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform.”** Dr. Kellogg, by disseminating his false theories, was tearing down the foundation, by introducing **“doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God.”** With regard to unity, so serious was the damage Kellogg was doing, that Sister White instructed there was to be no unity between Dr. Kellogg and the ministers of the Gospel. She writes **“It will be said that Living Temple has been revised. But the Lord has shown me that the writer has not changed, and that there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish his present sentiments. I am bidden to lift my voice in warning to our people, saying, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked” (Galatians 6:7). While the misleading theories of this book are entertained by our physicians, there cannot be union between them and the ministers who are bearing the gospel message. There should be no union until there is a change.” (1SM 199.4)**

So what were Kellogg’s present sentiments? This statement is from August 7th, 1904. It was in 1903 that Kellogg changed his view from a pantheistic view of God, to a trinitarian view. So, again, whether you say his erroneous view was that of the trinity or pantheism, it matters not, since both of the views were tearing down the foundation built by the Master Worker and given by Him to Seventh-day Adventists to make them a denominated people. And here’s the point -- it was because Dr. Kellogg had adopted new views that accounted those fundamental principles held during the first fifty years as error, that the Lord had shown Ellen White **“that there can be no unity**

between him and the ministers of the gospel.” Furthermore, this command of the Lord to have no unity with Kellogg, was not limited to Kellogg, but extended also to other physicians who adopted Kellogg’s present sentiments. She was told, **“there cannot be union between them and the ministers who are bearing the gospel message.”** Again, this injunction against uniting with those who adopted these errors was not from Ellen White herself, because she said it was what **“the Lord has shown me,”** and because the Lord Himself had given these instructions, she added **“I am bidden to lift my voice in warning...”** It was Jesus who bade her to give this warning, and Jesus Himself who forbade His people from uniting with those who, like Kellogg, embraced **“doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God.”**

So let’s bring this warning forward now over a century to present day and apply it to the Seventh-day Adventist church in 2019. Where can we find ministers and physicians to unite with in sharing the gospel who hold to the fundamental principles of the first fifty years?

Ted Wilson: **“...as if I was in support of an anti-trinitarian as we call it viewpoint. And I wrote back and explained the full truth. But absolutely not. I wouldn’t believe everything that you read on the internet.”**

Those only who are standing on the foundation built by the Master Worker are safe to unite with, and Jesus forbade uniting with those who aren’t. I don’t even need to elaborate on this for you to understand and see the magnitude of this problem.

Ted Wilson: **“They [Pioneers] were lead by the Holy Spirit and discovered the Biblical beliefs and pillars of our faith that we hold so dear. These dedicated pioneers right here at Battle Creek and elsewhere in simple faith too the Bible as it reads even when it led them away from some of the most widely accepted errors popular in the churches of that day. They are our landmarks and pillars of our faith developed by humble dedicated pioneers. Those pillars must not be moved.”**

Ted Wilson: **“People in various places around the world, who want to go back to a particular viewpoint.”**

Cut from the Video: Speaking of Satan, Ellen White wrote, **“He thinks to dissolve the unity which Christ prayed might exist in His church.”** And how will satan do this? **“He says, “I will go forth and be a lying spirit to deceive those that I can, to criticize, and condemn, and falsify.” Let the son of deceit and false witness be entertained by a church that has had great light, great evidence, and that church will discard the message the Lord has sent, and receive the most unreasonable assertions and false suppositions and false theories. Satan laughs at their folly, for he knows what truth is.” (TM 409-TM 409.2)** Satan’s endeavor to break up the unity for which Christ prayed is to criticize, condemn and falsify those who stand upon a plain **“thus saith the Lord.”** If ministers and members are unwilling to come together to study the Word of God with those whom they so readily condemn and criticize, you can be sure the unity for which Christ prayed never existed among them in the first place.

Church Manual?

The fundamental principles of 1872 and 1889 were not used as a test of membership to keep people in line, it was not used authoritatively, but was only a statement of

understandings upon which they were already united. How contrary is this to the current 28 Fundamental Beliefs in the church today which demands its members to accept and embrace the trinity doctrine upon threat of punishment or being disfellowshipped.

In 1861 JN Loughborough warned against setting up a creed and said **“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 to denounce as heretics those who do not believe that creed. And, fifth, to commence persecution against such.”** J.N. Loughborough, ARSH October 8, 1861, p. 149.7

The Adventist founders knew the formation of such creeds and church manuals were utilized as means by which to bring about a forced unity to the body of believers. In 1883 when the formation of a church manual was being discussed it was recorded in The Review and Herald, November 27th that such a method would be used to bring about unity. It states,

“When brethren who have favored a manual have even contended that such a work was not to be anything like a creed or a discipline, or to have any authority to settle disputed points, but was only to be considered as a book containing hints for the help of those of little experience, yet it must be evident that such a work, issued under the auspices of the General Conference, would at once carry with it much weight of authority, and would be consulted by most of our young ministers. It would gradually shape and mould the entire body; and those who did not follow it would be considered out of harmony with established principles of church order. And really, is this not the object of a manual? What would be the use of one if not to accomplish such a result?... We have preserved simplicity, and have prospered in so doing. It is best to let well enough alone. For these and other reasons, the church manual was rejected. It is probable that it will never be brought forward again.”

In this statement they acknowledge the purpose of a church manual would be to “shape and mould the entire body” and to separate from the body those “out of harmony” with it. During the same committee gathering, the Review and Herald also wrote **“It is the unanimous opinion of the committee appointed to consider the matter of the Church Manual that it would not be advisable to have a Church Manual.”** And note the reason why they say a church manual is not advisable. **“We consider it unnecessary because we have already surmounted the greatest difficulties connected with church organization without one; and perfect harmony exists among us on this subject.”** (Review and Herald, November 20th of 1883,) There was already unity throughout the body as stated in the 1872 and 1889 Fundamental Principles, and therefore there was no need for a church manual to “shape and mould the body.” It was considered “unnecessary.” It was the Spirit of God that had brought unity into the ranks as Adventists took hold of the fundamental principles that were **“witnessed by the Holy Spirit”** and **“which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth”** and **“upon which God has placed His seal.”** (Lt87-1905.6) And the great news is, God will do this again! As Seventh-day Adventists return to the faith from which the present-day organization has departed, He will once again bring unity among Adventists, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”** (Zechariah 4:6)

“The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. Some

will take up with theories that misinterpret the Word of God and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.” (Lt121-1905.10)

The inspired messenger wrote under inspiration that “the old truths are to be revived.” The fundamental principles must be revived if God’s people are to experience again that unity of the faith. **“if you will unite with your brethren in standing by the old landmarks, then there will be unity. But you remain in unbelief, unsettled as to the true foundation of faith; there can be no hope of any more unity in the future than there has been in the past.” (11MR 319.1)** These old truths will be revived, and they must be revived **“in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met.”** Trinitarianism and tritheism both deny the Sonship of Jesus Christ, and elevate a non-entity as a third god; which, is exactly what Lucifer wanted from the beginning. To obscure the literally begotten Sonship of Jesus so that he could be elevated as a deity, and assume a position next to Jesus -- and the these false theories accomplish exactly that.

Theories that lead Seventh-day Adventists to depart from the fundamental principles of the first fifty years **“are from the enemy.” {Ms137-1903.10}** And Jesus Himself gave Ellen White a name for those who have deviated from the faith. She writes, **“I am so sorry that sensible men do not discern the trail of the serpent. I call it thus; for thus the Lord pronounces it. Wherein are those who are designated as departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, departing from the faith which they have held sacred for the past fifty years? I leave that for the ones to answer who sustain those who develop such acuteness in their plans for spoiling and hindering the work of God.” (SpTB07 61.2)**

The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, pronounced of those **“departing from the faith which they have held sacred for the past fifty years,”** as being **“designated”** as those who are on **“the trail of the serpent.”** When I think of all my dear fellow Seventh-day Adventist family who insist that because they are members of the organization that they have not departed from the faith, it saddens me to know, that because they have accounted as error the faith which Adventists held sacred for the first fifty years, that they have already departed from the faith and given heed to doctrines and devils; And if that weren’t bad enough, they are wholly confident of the correctness of their position while their feet are treading on the trail of the serpent.

Paul warns us about the serpent, saying **“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)** (Ref. SITI January 10, 1884, p. 21.3)

In these scriptures, God is warning His people, that in the last days, the serpent would seek to beguile, or deceive God’s people. The prophecy does not say the serpent will do this by waging war against Christianity, but, being more subtle, would seek to preach **“another Jesus”** and **“another spirit.”** Paul is concerned that our **“minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”** But what does it mean to be corrupted? Sister White writes, **“Christ took our nature, fallen but not**

corrupted, and would not be corrupted unless He received the words of Satan in the place of the words of God.” {Ms57-1890, par. 8-11}

When we receive another Jesus, who is not really God’s Son, and another Spirit, which is not the Spirit of Jesus, but made out to be a third divine god, then we are receiving the words of satan, the serpent, in place of the words of God. That is why, when Seventh-day Adventists, or any Christian, departs from the simplicity of the Gospel that declares **“God so love the world that He gave His Only begotten Son,”** and instead accepts the serpentine doctrine of trinitarianism in place of the Words of God, they are treading on the trail of the serpent, and are corrupted by its venom. The purpose of a serpent’s venom, is to cause paralysis and eventually death. This is exactly what happens to God’s people when they turn away from Him and worship idols. It leads to spiritual paralysis and death. **“The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the comforter, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it” (Review and Herald, August 26, 1890 - par. 10)** The churches are weak, sickly and ready to die? Why? Because they have embraced the satanic doctrine that shuts out Jesus from their view as the Comforter. They do not believe Jesus is the Comforter, they believe the Comforter is “another spirit,” another god and that is why the churches are **“weak and sickly and ready to die,”** suffering because they have embraced the serpent’s venom. Do not be beguiled. The trinity doctrine is not Biblical. It preaches another Jesus and another Spirit and another Gospel. The fact the entire Christian world has embraced this doctrine is not evidence that its of God, but is instead only evidence of the subtly of the serpent.

Here is a picture of a serpent. The most noticeable and distinct features of the serpent are the green scales, it’s two fangs, and round beady eyes. Here is an illustration of a serpent -- except this is constructed into the design of the Hall of Pontifical Audiences. Behind the Pope on the stage sits a rather demonic backdrop with hidden occult symbolism while depicting a rather emaciated Jesus -- supposedly His resurrection. It is from here, between the fangs in the serpents mouth, that the Pope speaks to the world proclaiming venomous doctrines -- the heart of which, they teach, is the trinity doctrine. The Handbook for Today’s Catholic states on page 11 **“The mystery of the trinity is the central doctrine of the Catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the church.”** — (Handbook for Today’s Catholic, p. 11). And today, Protestantism has come to accept this subtle doctrine of the serpent, as the standard of the Christian faith.

“Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have “come out of Babylon,” to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root, doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy? and the very Omega of apostasy?” (Judson Washburn, The Trinity, Letter to General Conference in 1940)

I know Jesus wants unity. And we know at the end of time, He will have it. But we also know the devil wants unity, and we know at the end of time, he will have it. Where you stand depends not on whether or not you have unity, but upon what you are united. In Ephesians chapter 4 we know that God **“gave gifts unto men”** by His Spirit, and

these gifts are for **“the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God.”** If that is the platform upon which you desire to unite, then I invite you to obtain a copy of the 1889 Fundamental Principles. You can find them online at JudgmentHour.org. If, on the other hand, if you believe like the Papacy in that **“global solidarity... flows from the mystery of the Trinity,”** or like the Seventh-day Adventist church that **“unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God,”** then we can never be united. I cannot and by the Grace of God, will not unite with anyone in trampling upon the laws of Heaven.

As she approached the end of her life, Sister White said amidst the prevailing apostasy concerning the presence and personality of God, **“I desire every one to know that I stand on the same platform of truth that we have maintained for more than half a century. That is the testimony I desire to bear on the day that I am seventy-eight years of age.” (Ms142-1905.6)** And **“Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that “in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” (Lt87-1905.8)**

It is not my intention in sharing this video to correct the Adventist church. I fear the Lord would say today as of old **“Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.” (Hosea 4:17)** Therefore, I see no reason why the Seventh-day Adventist organization will ever change its position, and neither do pastors within the organization.

Judd Lake: “Because of the church’s position today, its strong position. We’re never going to change. We’ve been through a century and a half of evolution and we’ve come to this very strong position, this Biblical position that I’ve articulated to you today in our fundamental beliefs. We’re never going to change. We’re never going back. We’re never going back to where the pioneers were at the beginning of the movement regarding the teaching on the trinity... but to the more militant aggressive anti-trinitarians, you’re never going to find peace. You’re never going to find peace because you’re not going to change the church. We’ll hold more symposiums like this, we’ll send out more scholars more teachers, we’ll write more. The evidence is there. We’re not going to change, you’re beating your heads against a wall... create your own anti-trinitarian church because you’re never going to find peace here. We’ll fight you.” <https://youtu.be/Za0NIXptYtM?t=5279>

I agree, the church will not change nor ever return to the faith once given to the saints from which it has departed, especially since, in Sister White’s warning that **“our religion would be changed and the fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error,”** that she concluded her warning by saying **“their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” (1SM 204.2)** The fate of the organization that accounts the fundamental principles as error has been foretold, but this doesn’t need to be the fate of Seventh-day Adventists. Though the organization itself will not correct its position, those within the organization still can. I acknowledge that most Seventh-day Adventists are unaware of most of these things and about most of our own history. So my intention for this video is only to serve as an appeal to Seventh-day Adventists to study the history of your church and to extensively investigate the foundation upon which you stand so you are not deceived. Please research and study the 1889 Fundamental Principles. **“This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand the storm and tempest.” (SpTB07 38.1)** Remember, there are only two foundations. One will be swept away, and the other will stand. Choose wisely upon which you stand.

At the end of time, as at the beginning of time, there will be only two classes of worshipers. There are those who will worship God in Spirit and in Truth, united upon "the knowledge of the Son of God," and those who worship the beast and its image, believing Christ is not really the Son of God. This controversy over the Sonship of Christ was foretold in the lives of Cain of Abel. **"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh"** (Hebrews 11:4). **All who have a knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, may have just as pure a faith as had Abel. There is a true experience, a safe knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ which is unto salvation."** (Ms200-1899.12)

I want to leave you with one final, sobering statement, showing how our experience as historic Seventh-day Adventists true to the fundamental principles of our denominated faith, parallels that of the Early church and what this has to do with unity. **"...as long as persecution continued, the church remained comparatively pure. But as it ceased, converts were added who were less sincere and devoted, and the way was open for Satan to obtain a foothold. But there is no union between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness, and there can be no union between their followers. When Christians consented to unite with those who were but half converted from paganism, they entered upon a path which led further and further from the truth. Satan exulted that he had succeeded in deceiving so large a number of the followers of Christ. He then brought his power to bear more fully upon these, and inspired them to persecute those who remained true to God. None understood so well how to oppose the true Christian faith as did those who had once been its defenders; and these apostate Christians, uniting with their half-pagan companions, directed their warfare against the most essential features of the doctrines of Christ... After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children's children. To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war. Well would it be for the church and the world if the principles that actuated those steadfast souls were revived in the hearts of God's professed people."** (GC 45)

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