

Recent videos by anti-trinitarians Nader Mansour and Michael McCaffrey are circulating among Seventh Day Adventists and causing some confusion. In these videos they imply that the doctrine of the SDA Church on the Trinity/Godhead, is the same as the doctrine of the Trinity that the Catholic church teaches, which is not true at all. The Catholic church actually teaches the same understanding of Christ as the anti-trinitarians, that Jesus is created and not self-existing from eternity with the Father. At first glance they seem to be presenting a thorough study, but unfortunately they only present how important the Catholic trinity doctrine is for the Roman Catholic church and how through the trinity doctrine ecumenism can be established with other denominations. But they do not show what the Roman Catholic church actually teaches in their Trinity doctrine. Please do a thorough study of the teaching of the Roman Catholic church, and it will clearly be seen that their Trinity doctrine and the Trinity teaching of the SDA Church is vastly different.

In these videos they use the age old method of mentioning individuals, institutions, magazines etc. within the SDA church that go to ecumenical meetings, or that write positive articles on ecumenism etc., to discredit the entire SDA church as an organisation, that is, according to them, in apostasy. **In other words they want you to leave the SDA Church!**

Something to ponder: We are on the verge of the shaking that is to take place inside of the SDA church, that will shake the un-consecrated out of the church and thereby purifying the church to receive the latter rain. If you therefore **leave** the church because of any of these winds of doctrines, thinking that the main body is Babylon, aren't you standing outside, meaning you have been **shaken out**?

It is sad to see how easily the people in the SDA church are side-tracked by these winds of doctrine blowing in the church, when we have such clear instructions in the Bible and Spirit of prophecy. If people in the SDA church are so quickly side tracked by these winds of doctrine, how on earth are they going to stand on the side of God's commandment keeping people during the trouble that is about to hit this earth!?

These anti-trinitarians also use statements by Ellen G. White to try and prove their points, but they only use quotes that never explain the Godhead.

Below are some quotes by Ellen G. White that without a shadow of a doubt show that the doctrine on the Godhead by the SDA Church is sound and that there are three co-eternal divine persons in the Godhead namely God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

21LtMs, Ms 21, 1906, par. 8-11

(Note: This quote alone is actually sufficient to refute any argument against the Trinity/Godhead doctrine as it is taught by the SDA church.)

I am instructed to say, The sentiments of those who are searching for advanced scientific ideas are not to be trusted. Such representations as the following are made: "The Father is as the light invisible; the Son is as the light embodied; the Spirit as the light shed abroad." "The Father is like the dew, invisible vapor; the Son is like the dew gathered in beautiful form; the Spirit is like the dew fallen to the seat of life." Another representation: "The Father is like the invisible vapor. The Son is like the leaden cloud. The Spirit is rain fallen and working in refreshing power."

All these spiritualistic representations are simply nothingness. They are imperfect, untrue. They weaken and diminish the Majesty which no earthly likeness can be compared to. God cannot be compared with the things His hands have made. These are mere earthly things, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. The Father cannot be described by the things of earth. The Father is all the fulness of the Godhead bodily and is invisible to mortal sight.

The Son is all the fulness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." [Hebrews 1:3.] "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] Here is shown the personality of the Father.

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

Review and Herald, April 5, 1906, par. 9

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Here the pre-existence of Christ and the purpose of his manifestation to our world are presented as living beams of light from the eternal throne.

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They clearly set forth that Jesus was the Son of God, existing with him before the angels were created; and that he had ever stood at the right hand of God, and his mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned;

Review and Herald, April 5, 1906, par. 5,6,7

"The Word was with God, and the Word was God." Before men or angels were created, the Word was with God, and was God.

The world was made by him, "and without him was not anything made that was made." If Christ made all things, he existed before all things. The words spoken in regard to this are so decisive that no one need be left in doubt. **Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore.**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, **existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father.** He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by him as his right. This was no robbery of God.

Letters and Manuscripts 14, Ms 66, 1899, par. 11

We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that **the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person**, is walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes, that the Lord God is our Keeper and Helper.

Letters and Manuscripts 21, Ms 20, 1906, par. 32

The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word. The Holy Spirit is a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God. What strong evidence of the power of truth we can give to believers and unbelievers when we can voice the words of John, “We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” [1 John 4:16.] 21LtMs, Ms 20, 1906, par. 31

The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. “For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” [1 Corinthians 2:11.]

Letters and Manuscripts 12, Ms 22, 1897, par. 19

The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.

Special Testimonies, Series A (1897).

In Co-operation With the Three Highest Powers—We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,—and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.

Letters and Manuscripts 15, Ms 57, 1900, par. 11

The work is laid out before every soul that has acknowledged his faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, and has become a receiver of the pledge from the three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Letters and Manuscripts 8, Ms 93, 1893, par. 8

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ’s name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality. We may have the Holy Spirit if we ask for it and make it [a] habit to turn to and trust in God rather than in any finite human agent who may make mistakes.

Letters and Manuscripts 15, Ms 27a, 1900, par. 10

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and omniscient, receive those who truly enter into covenant relation with God. They are present at every baptism, to receive the candidates who have renounced the world and have received Christ into the soul temple. These candidates have entered into the family of God, and their names are inscribed in the Lamb’s book of life.

Letters and Manuscripts 15, Ms 27a, 1900, par. 22

Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, work together for human beings. They are united in the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven. They place the resources of heaven at the disposal of those who will appreciate and impart these spiritual treasures, multiplying them by using them to the glory of God.

Youth Instructor, January 3, 1905, par. 1

“I am the resurrection, and the life.” He who had said, “I lay down my life, that I might take it again,” came forth from the grave to life that was in himself. Humanity died; divinity did not die. In his divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death. He declares that he has life in himself to quicken whom he will.

Patriarchs and Prophets p.305.4

Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship.

Education p.135.1

“When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13. Only by the aid of that Spirit who in the beginning “was brooding upon the face of the waters;” of that Word by whom “all things were made;” of that “true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world,” can the testimony of science be rightly interpreted. **Only by their guidance can its deepest truths be discerned.**