

# ELLEN WHITE WARNED THAT THE ORIGINAL FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (1872) WOULD BE ACCOUNT AS ERROR - PROVING SHE NEVER BECAME A TRINITARIAN!

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God showed Ellen White that wolves were entering the Seventh-day Adventist Church in her day and that **the fundamental principles (1872)** that had sustained the work of our pioneers, would end up being accounted as error, and changed. She clearly supported the original fundamental principles, which reveals her belief as to who God is, and **proves** that she never adopted the Trinity doctrine! Take a look at the quote from Sister White regarding this:



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Wow! What a warning! Now what did Sister White say would be '*accounted as error*' and changed? **THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES** of our pioneers. So let us take a look at the ORIGINAL fundamental principles of our pioneers concerning who God is:

The Fundamental Principles of Seventh-day Adventists - 1872 ([source](#))

*"1 - That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, om-niscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchange-able, and everywhere present by his representa-tive, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7."*

*"2 - That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist; that he took on him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race; that he dwelt among men full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in Heaven, where, with his own blood he makes atonement for our sins; which atonement so far from being made on the cross, which was but the offering of the sacri-fice, is the very last portion of his work as priest, according to the example of the Levitical priest-hood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the min-istry of our Lord in Heaven. See Lev. 16; Heb. 8:4, 5; 9:6, 7; &c."*

*"16 - That the Spirit of God was promised to manifest **itself** in the church through certain gifts, enumerated especially in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4; that these gifts are not designed to supersede, or take the place of, the Bible, which is sufficient to make us wise unto salva-tion, any more than the Bible can take the place of the Holy Spirit; that, in specifying the various channels of **its** operation, that Spirit has simply made provision for **its** own existence and presence with the people of God to the end of time ..."*

Can you see what our pioneers believed regarding God? They clearly believed the truth that there is 'one God - the Father', just as the Bible teaches (John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, 1 Timothy 2:6) and that He is present everywhere by 'His representative - the Holy Spirit.' In other words - HIS Holy Spirit, which is why they call the Holy Spirit "IT" in belief number 16. They also clearly believed the truth that Jesus Christ is that 'one Lord' who is the 'SON OF the Eternal Father.' Again, just as the Bible clearly teaches (Romans 8:3, John 3:16-17, Matthew 3:17)

**Now please understand this important point** - Ellen White said that these 'Fundamental Principles' had "*sustained the work for fifty years*" prior to 1903, when she penned the warning above. So even in 1903 she still supported those fundamental principles concerning who God is and who Christ is. Which means, when we use her writings concerning who God is, we **MUST** interpret them in line with those original fundamental principles, which she supported and which '*sustained the work for the previous fifty years.*'

**And those fundamental principles regarding God were still the same in 1905!** ([source](#) - see page 188)

*"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." (E.White, 1SM 208.2)*

God calls us to "*hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority*"! WOW!

This is so vital to understand, because many are using Ellen White's writings and are coming to a different interpretation than the original fundamental principles concerning God. And yet her belief concerning God could NOT be in contradiction to the original fundamental principles, even after 1900! Because she clearly stated that those fundamental principles were **STILL SUSTAINING** the work of Seventh-day Adventists in 1903 and remained the same in the Adventist Yearbook of 1905! Sadly, Sister White warned that those original principles would be accounted as error and changed. Now look what the current fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are today, regarding who God is.

Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church - 2020 ([source](#))

*"1 - The Holy Scriptures - The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration. The inspired authors spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit ..."*

*"2 - THE TRINITY - There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love, is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation."*

*"3 - The Father - God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also those of the Father."*

*"4 - The Son - God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly human, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary ..."*

*"5 - The Holy Spirit - God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He is as much a person as are the Father and the Son ..."*

**They don't even place God at the top! They DEMOTE God below the scriptures, whereas our pioneers rightly placed God at number one!**

So as you can see, the beliefs regarding who God is, have COMPLETELY changed! The truth about the one true God, the Father, and His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, has been supplanted with this trinity god, which our pioneers rejected. The original 1872 fundamental principles of the Seventh-day Adventists have, just as Sister White warned, been **"accounted as error."** Even official Seventh-day Adventist publications have spoken about this change:

*"Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of 'present truth.' **Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Many of the pioneers, including James White, J.N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J.H. Waggoner, held to an Arian or semi-Arian view ... that is, the Son at some point in time before the Creation of our world was generated by the Father ... the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists. Even today a few do not subscribe to it." (William G. Johnsson in the Adventist Review, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)*

***"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- Ministry Magazine, October, 1993, p. 10)

***"The Development of the Trinity doctrine demonstrates that sometimes **doctrinal changes require the passing of a previous generation.** For Seventh-day Adventists, it took over 50 years for the doctrine of the Trinity to become normative." (Burt, Merlin D. (2006) 'History of Seventh-day Adventist Views on the Trinity, 'Journal of the Adventist Theological Society': Vol. 17 : Iss. 1, Article 9. (P. 139)***

And that is exactly what happened! ... ***"The next logical and inevitable step in the implementing of our unified fundamental beliefs, involved revision of certain standard works, so as to eliminate statements that taught, and thus perpetuated erroneous views on the Godhead. Such sentiments were now sharply at variance with the accepted fundamental beliefs set forth in the Church Manual."*** (LeRoy Froom, Movement of Destiny, p.422) - Please read our page - [The DECEPTION that Changed the Seventh-day Adventist Church](#)

So as you can see, the change took place after our pioneers died off and the NEW 'unified fundamental beliefs' were 'at variance' with the original principles. Even our historians confirm that the CHANGE took place and that our pioneers would NOT be able to join the current denomination if they had to subscribe to the current fundamental beliefs. This is truly shocking friends, and should cause every one of us to WAKE UP from our slumber and actually look into the TRUTH of this.

Now what do our leaders and preachers say today regarding Ellen White's belief about God? They say that yes, in her early days, she believed as our other pioneers. But then later, around the year 1900, she 'changed' her belief and became a trinitarian. Is this true? Did Ellen White **CHANGE** her belief? Well, let us ask Ellen White herself. But before we do that, just take note again of her warning at the top of this page. In 1903, yes, 1903! She said that the "**fundamental principles**" of Seventh-day Adventists, those penned in 1872, were **STILL** supported and had "**sustained the work for the previous 50 years.**" And what did those fundamental principles teach regarding God? That there is "**one God - THE FATHER ... who is everywhere present by HIS Spirit.**" And that there is "**one Lord Jesus Christ .. the SON OF the Eternal Father.**"

So ALL of Ellen White's writings regarding who God is and who Christ is, **MUST** be interpreted in line with those original fundamental principles of 1872!

## **DID ELLEN WHITE CHANGE HER BELIEFS?**

***"I should be an unfaithful watchman, were I to hold my peace, when I see the very foundations of our faith being torn away by those who have departed from the faith, and who are now adrift, without an anchor. In this time, when false doctrines are being taught, **we are to teach the same truth that we have taught for the past half century. I have not changed my faith one jot or one tittle.**"*** (E.White, Lt 150, May 15, 1906)

***"When men come in who would **move one pin or pillar from the foundation** which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak***

*plainly, and let those who are dead speak also, by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial."* (E.White, Ms 62, 1905 , p. 6)

*"**The truths given us after the passing of the time in 1844 are just as certain and unchangeable as when the Lord gave them to us in answer to our urgent prayers. The visions that the Lord has given me are so remarkable that we know that what we have accepted is the truth. This was demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. Light, precious light from God, established the main points of our faith as we hold them today."** (E.White, Letter 50, 1906)*

*"**i do not wish to ignore or drop one link in the chain of evidence that was formed as, after the passing of the time in 1844, little companies of seekers after truth met together to study the Bible and to ask God for light and guidance ... The truth, point by point, was fastened in our minds so firmly that we could not doubt ... the evidence given in our early experience has the same force that it had then. The truth is the same as it ever has been, and not a pin or a pillar can be moved from the structure of truth. That which was sought for out of the word in 1844 , 1845, and 1846 remains the truth in every particular.**" (E.White, Letter 38, 1906)*

*"The Word of the Lord has guided our steps since the passing of the time in 1844. We have searched the Scriptures; we have built solidly; and **we have not had to tear up our foundations and put in new timbers.**" (E.White, Letter 24, 1907 , p. 3)*

*"The Lord has declared that **the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth** that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **every pillar that he has established** is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established ... There is need now to rehearse the experience of the men who acted a part in the establishment of our work at the beginning." (E.White, Ms 129, 1905 , p. 3)*

*"**Listen not a moment to the interpretations that would loosen one pin, remove one pillar,** from the platform of truth. Human interpretations, the reception of fables, will spoil your faith, confuse your understanding, and make of none effect your faith in Jesus Christ. Study diligently the third chapter of Revelation. In it is pointed out the danger of losing your hold upon the things that you have heard and learned from the Source of all light." (E.White, Letter 230, 1906 , p. 4)*

*"That which I have written is what the Lord has bidden me write. **I have not been instructed to change** that which I have sent out ... **The straight line of truth presented to me when i was but a girl is just as clearly presented to me now.**" (E.G. White, RH, Jan 26, 1905)*

*"We want solid pillars for the building. **Not one pin is to be removed from that which the lord has established.**" (Ellen White, Review and Herald, May 25, 1905)*

*"A liar is one that presents false theories and doctrines. **He who denies the personality of God and of His Son Jesus Christ is denying God and Christ.** 'If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son and in the Father.' **If you continue to believe and obey the truths you first embraced regarding the personality***

*of the Father and the Son, you will be joined together with them in love. There will be seen that union for which Christ prayed just before His trial and crucifixion." (E.White, ms23, 1906)*

Look at the dates! 1905 - 1907. And yet Sister White confirms - "***we are to teach the same truth that we have taught for the past half century. I have not changed my faith one jot or one tittle!***"

Oh friends! There is a great deception taking place in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A deception that has been taking place since the passing of our pioneers. A deception that Ellen White warned would take place. Let us remind ourselves of her warning:

*"Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people." (E.White, Testimonies for the Church Containing Letters to Physicians and Ministers Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists, pgr. 53)*

*"I tell you now, that **when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place ... I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.**" (E.White, Manuscript 1, February 24, 1915)*

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And just as Ellen White warned, that change DID take place. The original fundamental principles WERE accounted as error. Books of a new order WERE written. Intellectual philosophy WAS introduced. And the religion of the Seventh-day Adventist Church WAS changed!

The warning Sister White gave, PROVES that she did NOT believe in the trinity god. Her warning PROVES that she believed in the one true God and His Son our pioneers believed in and worshipped. And those of us today who want to walk in the truth, will continue to uphold those original fundamental principles of Seventh-day Adventists (1872). We must reject every form of error that is in opposition to the foundational pillars of our faith!