

The Godhead from Before the Fall into Eternity Future

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The Only Being

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had **an associate**—**a co-worker** who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—**the only being** that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And **the Son of God declares concerning Himself**: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.” **PP 34.1**

Counsel of Peace Between Them Both

Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and **the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

Lucifer jealous

The story of Absalom in **2 Samuel 14:25-18:33** gives a physical illustration of a similar experience as to what had happened in the Heavenly courts regarding Lucifer and the Son of God.

“**Lucifer was jealous of Christ** and this jealousy worked into rebellion and he **carried with him a large number of the holy angels**. Jesus, the **Son of God**, was **not deceived** by Lucifer's sophistry. **He stood true to principle and resisted** every line of reasoning of Lucifer and all the angels who had taken sides with him, thus evidencing that as He stood, every angel might have stood.” **Ms43b-1891.3**

Angels Obscured

“This fact the angels would **obscure**, that **Christ was the only begotten Son of God...**”
Lt42-1910.3

War in Heaven

“The **angels** were **marshaled in companies**, each division with a **higher commanding angel** at its head. Satan, ambitious to exalt himself, and **unwilling to submit to the authority of Jesus**, was insinuating against the government of God. **Some of the angels sympathized with Satan** in his rebellion, and **others strongly contended for the honor and wisdom of God in giving authority to His Son**. There was contention among the angels. Satan and his sympathizers were **striving to reform the government of God**. They wished to look into His unsearchable wisdom, and **ascertain His purpose in exalting Jesus and endowing Him with such unlimited power and command**. They rebelled against the **authority of the Son**. All the heavenly host were summoned to **appear before the Father to have each case decided**. It was **there determined** that Satan should be expelled from heaven, with all the angels who had joined him in the rebellion. Then there was war in heaven. Angels were engaged in the battle; **Satan wished to conquer the Son of God** and those who were submissive to His will. But the good and true angels prevailed, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven.” **EW 145.2**

God as Spirit - His Son in His Express Image

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit OF God** moved upon the face of the waters.

John 4:23 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**.

John 4:24 **God** is a Spirit: and they that worship **Him** must worship **Him** in spirit and in truth.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For **God**, who **commanded the light** to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

“The **Father and the Son alone** are to be exalted.” **YI July 7, 1898, par. 2**

Adam and Eve

Romans 1:19 That which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the **invisible things** of him **from the creation** of the world are **clearly seen**, being **understood by the things that are made**, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

- 2 sides of 1 brain - used together
- 2 ears - 1 hearing experience - used together
- 2 eyes - 1 seeing experience - used together
- 2 nostrils - 1 nose - used together
- 2 sides of 1 tongue - used together
- 2 sets of upper or lower teeth in 1 mouth - used together
- 2 vocal chords - used together
- 2 arms - used together
- 2 hands - used together
- 2 lungs - used together
- 2 kidneys - used together
- 2 lobes of the liver - used together

- 2 legs - used together
- 2 feet - used together

Question: Where do we see examples of three in what was made in the image of God? Where is the Spirit?

“...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.” **Ms21-1906.9**

“The **Son IS all the fulness of the Godhead manifested**. The Word of God declares Him to be “the express image of His person.” “God so loved the world that He gave His **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Here is **shown the personality of the Father.**” **Ms21-1906.10**

“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.” **Ms21-1906.11**

Christ and Angels in the OT

“**After** his transgression God would **communicate** to man through **Christ** and **angels.**” **SR 50.3**

Christ is known in the Old Testament as the “**Angel of the Lord.**” The word Angel, according to **Hebrews 1:14**, is synonymous with spirit. “Are they not **all ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Therefore, Christ could be known as the “**Spirit (Angel) of the Lord**” in the Old Testament.

Christ Born a Human

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and **the power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Christ’s baptism

“Never had angels listened to such a prayer. **They were solicitous** to bear to the praying Redeemer messages of assurance and love. But **no**; the **Father himself will minister to his Son**. **Direct from the throne proceeded the light of the glory** of God. The heavens were opened, and **beams of light and glory proceeded** therefrom and **assumed the form** of a **dove**, in appearance like burnished gold. The **dove-like form was emblematical** of the meekness and gentleness of Christ.” **YI March 1, 1874, par. 4**

Not One Thread of Human Devising

“This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it **not one thread of human devising**. Christ in His **humanity** wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us. “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” Isaiah 64:6. Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin. But the Son of God “was manifested to take away our sins; and **in Him is no sin.**” **Sin is defined to be “the transgression of the law.”** 1 John 3:5, 4.” **COL 311.4**

All miracles done by Angels

“**All the miracles** of Christ performed for the afflicted and suffering were, by the power of God, **through the ministration of angels**. Christ condescended to take humanity, and thus he unites his interests with the fallen sons and daughters of Adam here below, while his divinity grasps the throne of God. And thus **Christ opens the communication** of man with God, and God with man. **All the blessings** from God to man are **through the ministration of holy angels.**” **RH January 21, 1873, par. 16**

Cumbered with humanity

“Cumbered **with humanity**, Christ could **not be in every place personally**; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should **leave** them, **go** to His father, and **send** the Holy Spirit to be His **successor** on earth. The Holy **Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof**. He would **represent Himself** as **present in all places** by His Holy Spirit, as the **Omnipresent**. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall (although **unseen by you**), [This phrase was added by Ellen White.] teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” [John 14:26]. “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you” [John 16:7].” **14MR 23.3**

“**The Great Teacher Himself was among you**. How did you honor Him? Was He a stranger to some of the educators? Was there need to send for someone of supposed authority to welcome or repel this **Messenger from heaven**? Though **unseen**, **His presence** was among you.” **CT 363.3**

Future Tenses for the Comforter

The chapters of **John 14, 15, 16, 17** all use future tense when referring to the coming of the Comforter. Why, if the Spirit of God has always been here (as we know it today), would Christ say it would come in the future after He ascended?

“**After Christ's ascension** His enthronement in His mediatorial kingdom was **signalized** by the **outpouring** of the **Holy Spirit**. On the **day of Pentecost** the **Spirit** was **given**.” **COL 118.3**

Christ Yielded His Omnipresent Spirit on the Cross

“The **Son of God**, heaven's glorious Commander, was **touched with pity for the fallen race**. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe **there was but one who could**, in behalf of man, **satisfy its claims**. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, **only one equal** with God could make atonement for its transgression. **None but Christ** could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin—sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race.” **PP 63.2**

“The **Godhead** was **stirred with pity for the race**, and the **Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit gave themselves to the working out of the** plan of redemption. In order **fully** to carry out this plan, it was decided that **Christ**, the **only begotten Son of God**, should **give himself** an offering for sin. And in **giving Christ**, God gave **all the resources of heaven**, that nothing might be wanting for the work of man's uplifting. What line can measure the depth of this love? God would make it impossible for man to say that he could have done more.” **RH May 2, 1912, par. 3**

It was decided in the counsels of peace that Christ would give His omnipresence, divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. When did that happen?

Luke 23:46 When Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father**, into thy hands **I commend my spirit**: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

The Spirit was waiting

“But the time had now come. The **Spirit had been waiting** for the **crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension** of Christ. For **ten days the disciples offered their petitions** for the outpouring of the Spirit, and **Christ in heaven added His intercession**. This was the occasion of His ascension and inauguration, **a jubilee in heaven**. **He had ascended** on high, leading captivity captive, and **He now claimed the gift of the Spirit**, that He might **pour it out** upon His disciples.” **ST December 1, 1898, par. 5**

Christ Sending His Spirit

Revelation 5:6 I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as it had been slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, **which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth** into all the earth.

“It is **not essential** for you to know and be able to define just **what the Holy Spirit is**. Christ tells us that **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter**, and the **Comforter is the Holy Ghost**, “the **Spirit of truth**, which the Father **shall** send in My name.” “I **will** pray the Father, and He **shall** give you another Comforter, that He **may** abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for

He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.** Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13].” 14MR 179.2

“**Christ was the spirit of truth.** The world will not listen to **His pleadings.** They would not accept **Him as their guide.** They could not discern **unseen things; spiritual things** were unknown to them. But His **disciples see in Him the Way, the Truth, and the Life.** And they shall have **His abiding presence.** They shall have an **experimental knowledge of the only true God and of Jesus Christ** whom He hath sent. To them He says: You will no more say, I cannot comprehend. No longer shall you see through a glass darkly; you shall comprehend with all saints what is the length and depth and breadth and height of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. **He who has begun a good work in you will perform it** until the day of Jesus Christ. The **honor of God, the honor of Jesus Christ,** is involved in **the perfection of your character.** Your work is to **co-operate with Christ,** that you may be **complete in Him.** In being **united to Him by faith,** believing and **receiving Him,** you become a **part of Himself.** Your character is **His glory revealed in you.** And when you shall appear in **His presence,** you will find the benediction awaiting you, “Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” SW October 25, 1898, par. 2

“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.**” Christ has **all power in heaven and in earth,** and **he can strengthen the wavering,** and **set right the erring.** He can **inspire** with **confidence,** with **hope** in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another.” 1888 696.1

“**Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter.** “The Comforter,” said Christ to His disciples, “which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, **He shall teach you all things,** and bring **all things to your remembrance,** whatsoever I have said unto you, Peace **I leave** with you, My peace **I give** unto you: not as the world giveth, **give I** unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”” Ms7-1902.10

“We want **the Holy Spirit,** which is **Jesus Christ.**” Lt66-1894.18

Three Persons of the Heavenly Trio

“There are **three living persons of the heavenly trio.** In the name of these **three powers,**—the **Father,** the **Son,** and the **Holy Ghost,** those who **receive Christ** by living faith are baptized, and these **powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects** of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in **Christ.**” BTS March 1, 1906, par. 2

Christ in You

Colossians 1:25 Whereof **I am made a minister**, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Colossians 1:26 Even the **mystery** which hath been **hid** from ages and from generations, but **now is made manifest** to his saints:

Colossians 1:27 To whom **God would make known** what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles**; which is ***Christ in you, the hope of glory!***

God's Purpose to Repopulate Heaven

“God created man for His own glory, that after test and trial the human family might become one with the heavenly family. <And to every man is given his work to receive **the mind of God.**> **It was God's purpose to repopulate heaven with the human family**, if they would show themselves **obedient** to His every word. Adam was to be tested, to see whether he would be obedient <as the loyal angels> or disobedient. If he stood the test, his instruction to his children would have been only of **loyalty**. His mind and thoughts would have been as **the mind and thoughts of God**. He would have been taught by God as His husbandry and building. His character would have been molded in accordance with the character of God.” **Lt91-1900.3**

Conclusion

“My **words seem inadequate**, and I despair of clothing the truth God has made known concerning his great redemption, which engrossed to itself **His undivided attention in the only begotten Son of the Infinite One**. The truths that are **to last through time and through eternity**, the **great plan of redemption**, which **cost so much** for the salvation of the human race, presenting before them a life that measures with the life of God—***these truths are too full, deep, and holy for human words, or human pen, to adequately express.***” Lt90-1896.7