

## ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’

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### *Editor's Preface*

With this new 2<sup>nd</sup> season of a semi-monthly issue and over the next few months we are going to be publishing for our readers thoughtful awareness the Manuscript – ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’. This manuscript was originally written back in May 2006 (almost a decade and a half ago) by the studious Bible student ‘Swift Messenger’. This is now known as part 1 ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’. And back on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 (during our 1<sup>st</sup> season – semi-monthly pub.) we published the 1<sup>st</sup> of several issues titled “AD MATHAY” vs. 7NL. With the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue (Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>) we began sharing what is now called part 2 of the ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’, and was titled – ‘The Masterpiece of devilry’. It was this second Bible exposé that brought to our attention the importance of the warning of the third Angel. It concerned the discussion on the 7 Noahides (7NL), and how that is in respect to the Doctrine of God and the Omega of deadly heresies and why the 7NL exposes the Arian teaching of the doctrine of God. [Please see WVN Au.Ed. - V — Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020; V - 5(20)] In review – Suffice it to say - the Messenger of the Lord did point the finger at the Alpha of deadly heresies with the holy flesh movement and the work ‘Living Temple’ of John H. Kellogg. She said - The Omega would follow. It can be concluded - we are dealing with a masterpiece of devilry. ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’ is in respect to the Triune Trinity. This is what we are going to look at now. ‘The Masterpiece of devilry’ is in fact - in addition to the Trinity problem. And it was this second edition that was about exposing devilry at its deceptive best. [Please, feel free to write to our office for your free PDF or Manuscript copy of the entire ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’ or PDF’s of the ‘The Masterpiece of devilry’.]

Also, please visit our YouTube channel “Five Agendas” (see link at the end) and watch our most recent video on ‘Revelation 4 and 5’ (video # 47). **Note:** Rev. 4 - 5 contains the antidote for the ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’ - ‘The Masterpiece of devilry’.

## ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’

**“And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.”**  
Deuteronomy 8:19

“There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people is not proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation.” R&H Dec 20, 1892



*“Watchman,  
what of the night?”*

*“The hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you,  
the hour and the end!”* Eze. 7:6 (Moffat)

“So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures”. GC 593

“Every position of truth taken by our people will bear the criticism of the greatest minds; the highest of the world’s great men will be brought in contact with truth, and therefore every position we take should be critically examined and tested by the Scriptures.” Letter 6, 1886

“The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error.” RH.1903-10-22.002

“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. There is an alarming indifference in regard to the doctrines which are the pillars of the Christian faith. The opinion is gaining ground, that; after all, these are not of vital importance. This degeneracy is strengthening the hands of the agents of Satan, so that false theories and fatal delusions which the faithful in ages past imperilled their lives to resist and expose, are now regarded with favour by thousands who claim to be followers of Christ.” GC.046.001

“Satan has wrought with deceiving power, bringing in a multiplicity of errors that obscure the truth. Error cannot stand alone, and would soon become extinct if it did not fasten itself like a parasite upon the tree of truth. Error draws its life from the truth of God. The traditions of men, like floating germs, attach themselves to the truth of God, and men regard them as a part of the truth. Through false doctrines, Satan gains a foothold, and captivates the minds of men, causing them to hold theories that have no foundation in truth. Men boldly teach for doctrines the commandments of men; and as traditions pass on from age to age, they acquire a power over the human mind. But age does not make error truth, neither does its burdensome weight cause the plant of truth to become a parasite. The tree of truth bears its own genuine fruit, showing its true origin and nature. The parasite of error also bears its own fruit, and makes manifest that its character is diverse from the plant of heavenly origin.” RH.1895-10-22.003

**Dear Reader**, An appeal is made to you today to prayerfully and carefully consider this manuscript in its entirety. It is a culmination of conviction which has now by necessity been compiled in answer of the following communication from a respected and prominent individual within Adventism today.

**He wrote** - Dear Brother: You liken the doctrine of the trinity to something like "devilry." I do not question what you say, but I have requests from people who ask what is there in the doctrine of the trinity that is so devilish, so spiritually lethal to

genuine Christian experience. Could you articulate some reasons that would help me reply to others? Robert J Wieland

This manuscript collates Biblical and contemporary evidence in response to the question raised. We must ask – Just whom do we worship when we express Roman Catholicism’s Trinitarian concepts, for there is relevance to the warning of the Third Angel regarding worship.

The footnotes are extensive with links to additional study materials to continue individual research. A word of caution for those prone to skim evidence that you consider very carefully the entirety of information assembled. May our eyes be opened so we begin to see the enemies “Masterpiece of Deception” and understand with urgency how lethal Roman Catholicism’s central doctrine is to the genuine Christian experience.

The reply to this Brother has not been rushed for the request is so serious and also a very complex question. We enter the Domain of The - YHWH’s (YAHWEH’s) - and thereby we are utterly helpless and dependent upon the grace of God: for, where we tread we are on holy ground. Whenever any attempt is taken to explain the doctrine of God we all truly need a ‘live coal’ to touch our lips that the ‘calves of our stammering lips’ can convey a small portion of the revelation of the Gospel.

The title of this subject is not child’s play. We are dealing with a very sophisticated enemy to deceive. Just as John who “fell at His feet as dead”, we, too, must similarly prayerfully bow when we approach the Great “I AM, the first and the last” in awe of our Wonderful God and Saviour who alone provides light and knowledge and complete salvation.

It is our sincere desire that following your own personal study of this subject you may obtain a very clear picture of the devil’s hidden signature of Romanism, written today upon our people!

*Swift Messenger - May 2006*

## Chapter I

### The Capstone – the “Mystery of Iniquity”



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**Edgar Allan Poe** wrote that the best place to hide something is where everyone can see it. This concept is found in his famous story “The Purloined Letter.” Is this idea original to Poe? No, the enemy

<sup>1</sup> **NKJV Logo:** The triquetra (from a Latin word meaning “three-cornered”) is an ancient symbol for the Trinity. It comprises three interwoven arcs, distinct yet equal and inseparable, symbolizing that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three distinct yet equal Persons and indivisibly One God. [*Underscored added –this ancient symbol is used by pagans and Wicca’s*]

<http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/symbols/p/triquetra.htm> – [Pagan / Wiccan Religion](#)].

See also - [Symbols of the Church – Carroll E Whittemore](#)

of righteousness has actuated this concept for millennia. The symbol above is an example of something hidden where everyone can see it. The symbol, known as **Triquetra**, is the recognized identity of Roman Catholicism's Trinitarian Godhead and found within the covering pages of the **New King James Bible**.

The complexity of the Trinity and its multitude of Trinitarianism's is expansive, subtle, at times seamless yet extremely lethal. What makes it so 'devilish' is that the issue about whom we perceive to be God. It is for this reason that what one can perceive to be true can be just so close to truth; and yet, not truth at all. Therefore, truth about God and worship of God is the foundational basis for the genuine Christian experience.

We will now discuss some of Rome's terms on this subject.

The definition of the Trinity as provided in the footnote <sup>2</sup> is the capstone of the Mystery of Iniquity. The Ecumenical "Bride" of Revelation chapter 17 in her synthesis of God - the Niceno-Constantipolitan Creed declares ... *'for there is only one God'* <sup>3</sup> and insists *"The faith of all Christian's rests on the Trinity"*.<sup>4</sup>

Ex-cathedra she asserts - *"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life."* <sup>5</sup> This statement for its utter accomplishment is the mind of unrighteousness: the mind of the Dragon because as we will see it is the capstone and

worship of a false god - it is the Mystery of Iniquity.<sup>6</sup>

Interestingly, the monotheistic Trinitarian belief finds itself as Article #1 of Constitution accepted by **all** member churches of the World Council of Churches. <sup>7</sup>

**James White** often described this teaching as the **"old trinitarian absurdity"** <sup>8</sup> and wrote: -

"The mystery of iniquity" began to work in the church in Paul's day. It finally crowded out the simplicity of the gospel, and corrupted the doctrine of Christ, and the church went into the wilderness. Martin Luther, and the reformers, arose in the strength of God, and with the Word and Spirit, made mighty strides in the Reformation. The greatest fault we can find in the Reformation is the Reformers stopped reforming. Had they gone on, and onward, till they had left the last vestige of Papacy behind, such as natural immortality, sprinkling, **the trinity**, and Sunday-keeping, the church would now be free from her unscriptural errors." <sup>9</sup>

The Ministerial Association General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist's replicate the Niceno thrust of One God and unashamedly expresses Roman Catholicism's view of God ...

"This monotheistic emphasis **does not contradict** the Christian concept of the **triune** God or Trinity" ... "There is no distance between the persons of the triune God" <sup>10</sup>

Roman Catholicism counsels catechumens -

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<sup>2</sup> I. THE DOGMA OF THE TRINITY - From the Catholic Encyclopaedia online:

The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion -- the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another. Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: "the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and **yet there are not three Gods but one God.**" **In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son.** Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent. This, the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she proposes to man as the foundation of her whole dogmatic system. (Emphasis added.)

"Within Christianity, the doctrine of the Trinity states that God is a single "Being" who exists, simultaneously and eternally, as a communion of three persons (*personae, prosopa*): Father (the Source, the Eternal Majesty); the Son (the eternal Logos or Word, incarnate as Jesus of

Nazareth); and the Holy Spirit. Since the 4th Century AD, in both Eastern and Western Christianity, this doctrine has been stated as "One God in Three Persons," all three of whom, as distinct and co-eternal "persons" or "hypostases," share a single Divine essence, being, or nature." *From Wikipedia (free encyclopedia online)*. As a doctrine of legal liability in British law puts it, "**Res ipsa loquitur**" = "**The thing speaks for itself.**"

<sup>3</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church para 200, 233, 253, 262.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, para 232

<sup>5</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church para 234

<sup>6</sup> 2 Thes 2:4-7 cf The *Two Babylon's* - Alexander Hislop - Chapter II Section I Trinity in Unity

<sup>7</sup> *So Much in Common* - Documents of interest in the conversations between the World Council of churches and The Seventh-day Adventist Church - Geneva 1973 - p.40

<sup>8</sup> *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 5, 1852

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, February 7, 1856.

<sup>10</sup> Seventh-day Adventists Believe ... A Biblical exposition of 27 fundamental doctrines (*Ministerial Association General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 6840 Eastern Avenue NW Washington DC 20012*) May 1988 page. 22, 23

"The divine Unity is Triune" <sup>11</sup>

"Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship One God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity" <sup>12</sup>

"There are **not three gods** but one God" <sup>13</sup>

This common emphasis to the dogma of the Trinity and especially monotheism's [one God] as being the Christian concept and that it does not contradict a triune God or Trinity, is pure confusion. The implicit worship of "**one God**" when there is more than One Identity, is utterly unreasonable.

Sr White does not convey the Triune Monotheistic concept of Rome, by the expression "**The Heavenly Trio**" <sup>14</sup> but rather a Tri-Theistic view of God.

**The Niceno Constantipolitan Creed commences:** - "I Believe in One God" <sup>15</sup>

"The confession of God's oneness ... is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance, and essence." <sup>16</sup>

Then to further confuse - citing *St Gregory of Nazianzus*, also called "*the Theologian*," informs "*the infinite co-naturality of three infinities.*" <sup>17</sup>

The First Angel's Message of Revelation chapter Fourteen is instructive: our Saviour is also worthy of worship. <sup>18</sup>

Trinitarian monotheism creates the seamless worship of "one" who selfishly wanted to interpose and "exalt his throne ... and be like the most High". <sup>19</sup> He, of whom the True Witness warns, "All the world wondered after the beast and they [all the world] worshipped ... the Dragon." <sup>20</sup>

The **monotheistic** notion that there is literally One God <sup>21</sup> is a denial of John 1:1. 'Oneness' in plurality does not constitute one Identity. The -YHWH's (YAHWEH's) - are of one will, character, knowing, desiring, deciding, and act in unison for the purpose of salvation of mankind.

We will see shortly how this Creed removes the very **Top Rung** from 'The Ladder' of Salvation. <sup>22</sup>

**Romanism** is now regarded by Protestants with **far greater favor** than in former years. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendancy, and the papists are taking a conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the **doctrines** that separate the reformed churches **from** the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which had been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed! <sup>23</sup>

**Jesus** alerted the beloved in the end days *deception* would be so spiritually lethal - that "if possible would deceive the very elect." <sup>24</sup> In other words, "The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error." <sup>25</sup> This quote you will recognise concerns the book *The Living Temple* - the "*Alpha of deadly heresies*".

The Lord's Messenger continued, "The Omega will follow and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given." <sup>26</sup> The issue of the Alpha was about and over God: the Omega, is the capstone of the Alpha.

For example our Lord affirms, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through

<sup>11</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church para 254

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid* par 266

<sup>13</sup> *Handbook for Today's Catholic* p.16 citing paras [249-256] of Catholic Catechism

<sup>14</sup> Special Testimonies Series B #7 p.63

<sup>15</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church para 199

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid* para 200 [underscored added]

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid* para 256

<sup>18</sup> Rev 14:6,7

<sup>19</sup> Isaiah 14:13,14 cf 2 Thes 2:4

<sup>20</sup> Rev. 13:3,4 - See **The Two Babylon's – Alexander Hislop – Chapter II, Section I – Trinity in Unity.**

<sup>21</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church para's 200, 222, 224, 253, 254,262, 266, 293,

<sup>22</sup> John 1:51

<sup>23</sup> GC.563

<sup>24</sup> Matt 24:24

<sup>25</sup> RH.1903-10-22.002

<sup>26</sup> Special Testimonies Series B #2. p50.002



their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.<sup>27</sup>

That we all might be of one spirit is the unity desired for God’s remnant people: revealing unity in Truth,<sup>28</sup> the same will, character, knowing, desiring, deciding, and They acting in unison working out our own salvation as The Elohim desired for us all “Christ in you the hope of glory”<sup>29</sup>

“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 Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”<sup>30</sup>

## Chapter II

# The Ladder

**Christ is The Ladder of Salvation:** He alone links Earth and Heaven.<sup>31</sup> For many decades a growing number of people including the 1888 Message Study Committee are rightly concerned about false views on the nature of Christ. We know any false view of the Incarnation removes the **Bottom Rung** of The Ladder. The Ladder is the Superstructure of Salvation. Scripture warns with explicit clarity that when the bottom rung does not touch this earth we do not have a Saviour who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh; verily we have a “spirit” [which] “is not of God” a false Christ<sup>32</sup>. The Immaculate Conception of Rome attests this removal.

### Bottom Rung

We as a people were clearly warned about the Holy Flesh teaching of Indiana: yet, even today we have

‘threads’ of this heresy still flourishing within Adventism. There remain many who advocate the “born, born again” teaching<sup>33</sup> of the Holy Flesh movement. This thread is believed to be a viable bottom rung on this Ladder of Salvation though in reality a variant form of the “Immaculate Conception” found in QoD.<sup>34</sup> These erroneous concepts do not replace the true rungs of the Ladder, and both remove any possibility of salvation. The Captain of our salvation did not take either of these natures! The bottom rung has been removed.

### Bridging Rungs

One of the “**bridging rungs**” of the Ladder is the Good News of the Gospel of Christ’s Righteousness. This rung explains salvation is by faith *alone*, by grace *alone*, by Christ *alone*. Rome’s **Tridentine Gospel** however, interposes a “faulty rung” impeding truth to millions with cursing anathemas to anyone who says “justification is by faith alone”.<sup>35</sup>

Now, keeping this in mind, what has been completely overlooked in the need to share the sublime truth of the Incarnation [The Bottom Rung] what has been disregarded has been to what is of vital importance - the Top Rung of the Ladder - that reaches into Heaven to the Throne of Grace.

### The Top Rung

The Trinitarian heresy has severely confused our concept of the Godhead and as a consequence the appreciation of the **Top Rung of the Ladder** has suffered. For example, He who was The Word, The Logos, The I AM - had an eternal self existent Identity, also as - YHWH (YAHWEH) -.

Whereas the Trinitarian heresy insists that He was from eternity the “*eternal Son of God*”<sup>36</sup> and “*eternally born*”<sup>37</sup> and this has been replicated in the 27 Fundamentals ie. “*God the eternal Son*”<sup>38</sup>

Catechists are instructed –

<sup>27</sup> John.17.20-23 (emphasis added)

<sup>28</sup> John 17

<sup>29</sup> Col 1:26

<sup>30</sup> John 4:23-24

<sup>31</sup> John 1:51

<sup>32</sup> 1 John 4:3

<sup>33</sup> Heb 2:10

<sup>34</sup> “*Although born in the flesh, He [Christ] was nevertheless God, and EXEMPT from the inherited passions that corrupt the natural descendants of Adam*” QoD p 383

<sup>35</sup> Council of Trent – Canon XII

<sup>36</sup> Catholic Catechism para 430

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid* para 246

<sup>38</sup> Seventh-day Adventists Believe ... A Biblical exposition of 27

fundamental doctrines (Ministerial Association General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists pp 36, 38

"When we pray to "our" Father, we personally address the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By doing we do not divide the Godhead, since the father is its "source and origin," but rather confess that **the Son is eternally begotten by him** and the Holy Spirit proceeds from him ... The Holy Trinity is consubstantial and indivisible." <sup>39</sup>

These Trinitarian expressions and formulation are not Scriptural.

He "was" always; He was - The **I AM**: He was "**decreed**" to be a Son. <sup>40</sup>

For obvious reasons acceptance and assimilation of Roman Catholicism's Trinitarian dogma of God causes angst within Adventism today with those awakening unto righteousness. The reaction is often frantic, so much so, that well-meaning efforts of many to disassociate themselves completely from this heresy spawn other problems: -

- 1) There are those who refuse point blank to believe anything of Rome and yet articulate their Godhead views by couching it in terms of Roman theology.
- 2) Similarly others in their rabid rejection of Roman Catholicism's central teaching resurrect Gnostic One God heresies - which are still fully Trinitarian. This paper will not cover these aspects. <sup>41</sup>

**Roman Catholicism's Trinity** is extremely lethal efficiently disposing the crucial **top rung** of the Ladder of Salvation. When one looks over this teaching it appears to be a solid viable rung. Interestingly, it drifted into our Church following the death of Sr White in the 1920's and 30's <sup>42</sup>.

Elder **Froom** had written, "The Denomination [was] irrevocably committed to [the] basic Christian verities." <sup>43</sup>

While men did stand forth against this heresy<sup>44</sup> it still gained such a foothold of acceptance in our denomination until finally in **1980** it was totally accepted and voted in as true doctrine.<sup>45</sup> The seeds of abomination planted two generations ago have taken full root. We are now held captive by Roman Catholicism's view of God. It is rutted into our thinking as truth and belief. Every effort to explain or discuss the Godhead is riddled with Roman Catholic expressions and nomenclature.

The mystery of the Trinity of the Little Horn "*is the central doctrine of Catholic faith. Upon it are based all other teachings of the Church*". <sup>46</sup>

This central teaching of Mystery Babylon is the nigh perfect deception: for it is ultimately the worship of the Dragon. Now we have taught for decades and know conclusively, not one Christian can reach the Throne of Grace by removal of the bottom rung or any bridging rung of the ladder. Then, can we vouchsafe to even think that where we restore the truth corrupted by Rome, and repair it with the truth as it is in Jesus that we can ignore the critical importance of the top rung and in the process inadvertently worship whom we know not by holding to her central teaching and dogma? This holds dire consequences for eternal salvation.

Should we completely ignore the Top Rung of the Ladder? Never! The forgotten Top Rung reaching heaven implicates the First Commandment. We as a people have placed total emphasis and are totally engrossed in the change to the Fourth Commandment and we easily recognize the removal of the Second Commandment <sup>47</sup> by the Enemy of Righteousness; but as a people we have completely missed the divisive attack by the enemy of our souls upon God's First Commandment. In our efforts to defy polytheism we misapprehend the fact there is more than one God! <sup>48</sup>

It is vital to observe that where **any** rung of The Ladder concerning our Saviour's - Eternal Divinity, His Law, His Righteousness, His Faith, His Grace, His Incarnation is tampered with or made faulty or removed we have in our midst a false spirit, a false Christ, and unrighteousness. More importantly with the Top Rung being ignored for several generations now, we have drunk from the "golden cup" the "wine of her fornication" her [polluted doctrines].<sup>49</sup> The consequence being, we express Mystery Babylon's graven image of God, her perception of God, a false god, the god of Sunday

<sup>39</sup> Catholic Catechism para 2789, cf 245

<sup>40</sup> John 1:1; John 8:58; Psalm 2:7, cf Rom 1:4

<sup>41</sup> See Appendix C - discussion with prominent One God believers within Adventism

<sup>42</sup> The concept **Trinity** appears for first time in **1931 Statements of Belief** statement #2.

<sup>43</sup> *Movement of Destiny* p.75

<sup>44</sup> See Chapter IX - The Sanctuary

<sup>45</sup> *Fundamental # 2 Seventh-day Adventists Believe ... A Biblical exposition of 27 fundamental doctrines (Ministerial Association General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 6840 Eastern Avenue NW Washington DC 20012) May 1988 .*

<sup>46</sup> *Handbook for Today's Catholic* p.16

<sup>47</sup> Catholic Catechism - *The Ten Commandments* page 496, 497

<sup>48</sup> Gen 1:26; 3:22; Zech 6:13; John 1:1; John 8:14-18 et al

<sup>49</sup> Rev 17:4, 2

worship, and replicated in many forms as the god of paganism.

May it be repeated – we have the **Masterpiece of Iniquity in our midst!** Millions worship an image of what is perceived to be God. This image of Roman Catholicism's Trinity is so close to truth. We are warned "no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing that his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness". <sup>50</sup>

Devilish sophistry will remove any rung of The Ladder, our only means of salvation and our trust, the Holy Scriptures alone. Salvation is intrinsically Christ, the central desire of our hearts. Verily the enemy has sown more than tares; we have gross heresy in our midst where well-meaning men imitate Rome's Niceno formula of God, whilst denigrating Him who is the Truth.

Look back to the turn of the last century, many of our people did not for one minute perceive the book *The Living Temple* was the "Alpha of deadly heresies". <sup>51</sup> Is it that we who are at the borders of the eternal world remain ignorant of the Alpha and Omega warning!

The truth of the Top Rung of the Ladder of Salvation is profound - He, by a great love chose to condescend to the lowest rung and touch earth to save man as a Servant of servants and voided Himself of His own Identity as God, who was verily God in the beginning. <sup>52</sup> "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh."<sup>53</sup> **Our Saviour was God.** It is truly stated, "In Him is life, original, unborrowed, underived". <sup>54</sup>

"**Think of Christ's humiliation.** He took upon himself fallen, suffering human nature, degraded and defiled by sin. He took our sorrows, bearing our grief and shame. He endured all the temptations wherewith man is beset. He united humanity with divinity: a divine spirit dwelt in a temple of flesh. He united himself with the temple.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," because by so doing he could associate with the sinful, sorrowing sons and daughters of Adam. <sup>55</sup>

He, whose Life was "original, unborrowed and underived" could be no One less than God in satisfying and completing the Top Rung of the Ladder. He was not lesser to a Supreme Being as eternally begotten, He was not brought forth or begotten or born as a Son in eternity. He always was. <sup>56</sup> He is The Ladder.

John states clearly there were \*Two in the beginning <sup>57</sup> and Both were Theos [God]. Not one, or even three in the beginning, but Two. Any deviation from the Truth of Scripture that He, The Logos, who came in the "likeness of sinful flesh" to satisfy the Bottom Rung, (the Good News of the Gospel) <sup>58</sup> and was in the beginning always God, is pure falsehood.

It also dare not be overlooked; He is also the **Alpha and Omega**<sup>59</sup> - The **I AM**. <sup>60</sup>

\* For more in-depth study, and for further expositions including The Holy Spirit, please refer footnote - "The Eternal Verities"<sup>61</sup>.

"So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true, that it will be impossible to distinguish them except by the Holy Scriptures." <sup>62</sup> [To be continued...]

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<sup>50</sup> 2 Cor. 11:14,15

<sup>51</sup> SPTB02.050.002

<sup>52</sup> Phil 2:5-7; John 1:1

<sup>53</sup> 1Tim 3:16

<sup>54</sup> DA 530

<sup>55</sup> Youth's Instructor. December 20 1900.

<sup>56</sup> See Appendix A – "Who is God"

<sup>57</sup> John 1:1 Εν αρχη ην ο λόγος, και ο λόγος ην προς τον θεόν, και θεός ην ο λόγος.

<sup>58</sup> Romans 8:3; 1:1-4, 16, 17

<sup>59</sup> Rev 1:8,11; Rev 21:6; 22:13 cf Isa 41:4

<sup>60</sup> John 8:24

<sup>61</sup>

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