

‘THE MASTERPIECE OF DECEPTION’

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Editor's Preface

With this thought paper, we continue - ‘The Masterpiece of Deception’. Last time, we had a look at ‘The Sabbath and Sunday’ & ‘The Trinity, the ‘one god’ of Sunday’. Now we will look at ‘Lethal deception, monotheism’s Triune god’ & ‘The Controversy - 1 John 5:7’. Similarly, to last issue we will need to begin again with an Appendix - ‘Appendix A’ - as noted in the footnotes of the Sept. 15th thought paper covering chapters 1-2; which again, we were unable to include due to a lack of space. [Continuing on...]

Appendix A

GOD - Who is He?

Genesis 1:1

Beresith (in beginning- no article) bara (created - singular) Elohim (Gods - plural). [Note - Plural subject; singular verb]

NT Comment -

John 1:3 - “All things were made by Him (the Word); and without Him was not anything made.”

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NWT) -

“Listen, O Israel: Jehovah [thy Gods (Heb. Plural)] is one Jehovah.

Isaiah 44:6 (ARV) -

Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel (1), and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts (2) I am the first and the last; and beside [us] there is no Elohim (“Gods” Heb. Plural)

NT Comment -

Rev 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, ... the Almighty. (Rev. 1:8)

Rev. 1:10-11, 12-13 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as a trumpet saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: ... and I turned and to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candle sticks; and in the midst of the seven candle sticks one like unto the Son of man.”

Compare also Rev. 21:6-7 and Rev. 22:12-13



Zech. 6:12-13

“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: ... and He shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between the Two of Them (Heb.)

NT Comment – See John 2:18-22; Heb. 3:1; 7:22-28

O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. **They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.** The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. Pro.8:5-14

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Chapter V

LETHAL DECEPTION – MONOTHEISM’S TRIUNE GOD

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and **go a whoring after the gods of the strangers** of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will **forsake me, and break my covenant** which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles

shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face **in that day for all the evils** which they shall have wrought, in that they are **turned unto other gods.”**¹¹²

The Triune formulation in the Catholic Catechism demeans the Eternal Individual Divinity of The Word, our Lord and Saviour.

The formulation of Rome’s Creed begins

- “I Believe in One God.’ These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantipolitan Creed begins. The confession of God’s oneness ... God is unique; there is only one God: ‘The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance, and essence.”¹¹³

The same creed confesses

- “the **only begotten Son** of God, **eternally begotten** of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, **consubstantial** with the Father”¹¹⁴
- The Church recognizes the **Father** as “the **source and origin of the whole divinity** ... And, since the Father has **through generation** given to the only-begotten Son everything that belongs to the Father, except being Father, the Son has also eternally from the Father, from whom he **is eternally born**, that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Son ”¹¹⁵
 - ‘eternal son of God’¹¹⁶
 - There were **Three “co-eternal”**¹¹⁷
 - “We do not confess three Gods, **but one God in three persons, the consubstantial Trinity**¹¹⁸

Can it get any worse than this? Yes, by worshipping this image of God and by holding this credo. These expressions are not found in the Scriptures. But these expressions are woven into the 27 Fundamentals! These expressions are speculation and complete denigration of Our Lord’s Eternal Divinity - He who was verily The Word, The

¹¹² Deut 31:16-18.

¹¹³ Catholic Catechism – para 200

¹¹⁴ *ibid* – para 242

¹¹⁵ *ibid* – para 245, 246

¹¹⁶ *ibid* – para 430; **27 Fundamentals** p. 36, 50; **Dial Daily Bread** November 25, 2003; Feb 2, 2005 & May 1, 2006

¹¹⁷ *ibid* – para 266

¹¹⁸ Catholic Catechism – para 253

I AM, Jehovah, the 'everlasting king'; ¹¹⁹ **The everlasting Father**" ¹²⁰ He who was, the I AM, was always with the Theos from Eternity. ¹²¹

We return to the **27 Fundamentals** where the Ministerial Association assiduously say "The Old Testament does not explicitly teach that God is **triune**, it alludes to the plurality of the Godhead" – more strangely yet, is the conclusion on the next page. "While the Godhead is not one person, [there remains] the monotheistic thrust that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are **one God**." ¹²² (*Their emphasis*). The "wicked counsel," of "men that devise mischief" conceived this monotheistic triune thrust of the Little Horn. ¹²³

The Monotheistic Triune Trinity not only is a mathematical conundrum it numbs one's spiritual senses. It tarnishes the intent of **Phil 2:5-7** because we are persuaded to believe unscriptural things about Him that are not Biblical, namely, that He was "*the eternal Son*." ¹²⁴

For such, one does not grasp His original high and exalted position and nor can we then appreciate the cost of the Cross and Death - He tasted for all men¹²⁵, or the extent of His decision to come and save man and to forever forgo His Omnipresence.

Consequentially, it is easy to take grace in vain and not see Who was lifted up and Who draws all men unto Himself. He who was God – is Emmanuel – God with us. ¹²⁶ Great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifest in the flesh! We have the privilege to overcome even as He overcame and if overcomers are beckoned to sit on His throne. ¹²⁷

Our Lord has been craftily dislodged from His exalted position as God by an impostor who Isaiah has prophesied would so do ¹²⁸ and verily is the basis of the Great Controversy motif! These contrived monotheistic notions dramatically lessen His Eternal Identity as Jehovah and mute the Condescension of His Incarnation and in so doing we ...

... "lightly esteem the Rock of [our] salvation and provoke Him to jealousy" They **provoked** him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, **to new gods** that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. They have moved me to **jealousy** with that which is **not** God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. ¹²⁹

Then who would be the "impostor" to satisfy this "strange" monotheistic thrust as noted in **Isa 14:12-14** to have a people who would provoke the Rock of our Salvation to jealousy; poisoning eternal salvation, shutting out the light from the Sanctuary. ¹³⁰ Satan, the Dragon who whispers it's impossible to overcome by grace by faith and by Christ alone! He alone would desire the literal formulation of the Godhead to be couched in monotheistic terms - **One God!**

The Elohim are more than One Person. This surging monotheistic emphasis, whose origins are found in the pagan trinities holding to one god, comes only from the mind of unrighteousness!

Chapter VI

THE CONTROVERSY – 1 JOHN 5:7

¹¹⁹ Jer.10: 10 (Margin)

¹²⁰ Isa 9:6

¹²¹ John 1:1

¹²² **27 Fundamentals** p. 22

¹²³ Ezek 11:2

¹²⁴ Catholic Catechism., para 430

¹²⁵ Heb 2:9

¹²⁶ Matt 1:23

¹²⁷ Rev 3:21; Acts 2:30 21

¹²⁸ Isa 14:14

¹²⁹ Deut 32:15-17

¹³⁰ Dan 8:11

At this juncture it is most appropriate to introduce two items provided for essential consideration. One, the controversial text - 1 John 5:7; and secondly, some historical evidence concerning the Blue Laws commonly known as Sunday Laws.

The following is taken verbatim from [The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary](#): -

1) 1 John 5:7

“For there are three.” Hebrew practice, based on Deut. 17:6; 19:5: etc. demanded consistent testimony from two or three Witnesses before action was taken in certain legal disputes. John is here citing three witnesses in support in the divinity of his Master (1 John 5:5, 6, 8), thus assuring his readers of the reliability of his statement.

Textual evidence attests (cf. p. 10) the omission of the passage “in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth.” The resultant reading of vs. 7, 8 are as follows: “for three that bear record, the Spirit, and the Water, and the Blood: and these three agree in one.” **The passage as given in the KJV is in no Greek MS earlier than the 15th and 16th centuries. The disputed words found their way into the KJV by way of the Greek text of Erasmus (see Vol. V, p. 141). It is said that Erasmus offered to include the disputed words in his Greek testament if he were shown one Greek MS that contained them.** A library in Dublin produced such a MS (known as 34), and Erasmus included the passage in his text. It is now believed that the **later editions of the Vulgate acquired the passage by the mistake of a scribe** who included an exegetical marginal comment in the Bible text that he was copying. The disputed words have been widely used in support of the doctrine of the Trinity, but in view of such overwhelming evidence against their authenticity, their support is valueless and should not be used. In spite of their appearance in the Vulgate *A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture* freely admits regarding these words: “it is now generally held that this passage, called the *Comma Johanneum*, is a gloss that crept into the text of the Old Latin and Vulgate at an early date, but found its way into the Greek text only in the 15th and 16th centuries” (Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1951, p. 1186) emphasis supplied.

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary - Vol 7.
p. 675

[1962 edition – emphasis supplied]

The documentation cited as you have just noted is taken from the SDA Bible Commentary and provides a clear and unambiguous statement that 1 John 5:7 is a “valueless” gloss and “should not be used”.

For those who insist the Holy Spirit guided and wrote every word of Scripture in the Holy Bible would do well to reconsider the following given by the Messenger of the Lord.

“I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible; yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition. But I saw that the Word of God, as a whole, is a perfect chain, one portion linking into and explaining another. True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the Word of God plain and simple in declaring the way of life, but the Holy Spirit is given as a guide in understanding the way to life therein revealed. ¹³¹

[To be continued...]

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¹³¹ EW 220 [Underscored added]