

We Have Been Warned About Satan!

Today he has the SDA Church exactly where he wants them.

So why have so few been paying attention?

Here Are the Many Warnings:

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

Note - The sleeping church today is neither sober nor vigilant. They are content to trust their salvation with the church leadership and the heads of independent ministries. Most SDAs are merely playing church. Leaning, leaning, leaning on the arm of flesh.

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Note – Where are the people today, who should not only be studying and rightly dividing the word of truth, but investigating the issue that really matters? The looked-up-to leaders, and heads of independent ministries, are dismissing the most important issue as an irrelevant distraction. Outside of Jesus, there has never been a human being who knows the Bible as well as Satan.

Revelation 12:9 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:”

Note – It has been for six thousand years that Satan has been deceiving mankind while sharpening his deceiving skills in the process. He has a gigantic intellect and there has never been a human being, outside of Christ, that has the ability to understand the secret plans of the great deceiver. His deceptions are cunning, subtle and diabolical. Given time, he can get whole denominations to change their beliefs to his choices. What is the proof? The daughter denominations of the great whore church are breaking the Sabbath commandment 52 times a year and justify their disobedience. They study God’s Word and have highly educated leaders, but Satan has proven he can lead denominations into rebellion against heaven. So, SDA’s should not feel too comfortable here in the end time where the war for the soul rages on.

Some may say we are Seventh-day Adventists and Satan will never cause us to change our religion, for we dutifully keep the seventh day Sabbath. To such a statement we reply that the Jews of Christ’s time also dutifully kept the seventh day Sabbath, yet more than a million Jews perished in Jerusalem at the hands of the Roman soldiers in 70 AD. Why was that so? Because they rejected the Sonship of Christ. They knew God

had a Son, for the Old Testament so testifies. (Prov. 30:4) But Jesus did not fit the mold of the Messiah that they were looking for. Could that happen again? It already has. Remember, there are nine other commandments besides the fourth.

Revelation 12:17 **“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”**

Note – Most SDAs are familiar with this Scripture and they are proud that they understand the part that says, “... which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” They know that it is talking about God’s remnant people in the end time. Many think the real war is future in a time of trouble, but what they don’t realize, is that the war for the soul is nearly over. Satan is a brilliant strategist when it comes to conquering his perceived enemies. He rarely uses the obvious, which is easy to detect, as he prefers the subtle and unexpected maneuvers.

The following is his battle plan. However, first we need to recognize what he actually knows: He knows that **“Sin is the transgression of the law.”** 1 John 3:4. He also knows **“For the wages (payment) of sin [is] death;”** (meaning the second death) Romans 6:23. James 2:10 says, **“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.”** Then he is well aware that Revelation 22:14 says, **“Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”** So, if there is one commandment that a person is breaking when their probation ends, a lifetime of works cannot save them. That’s what all these Scriptures are telling Satan if he plans to be successful in his war against the remnant? It tells him that any person, who ends their probation, knowingly or unknowingly, with an unconfessed, unrepented sin, he or she will be eternally lost and will share his fate in the fire that destroys the lost. In most cases, ignorance can no longer be excusable, as the resources are available to separate truth from error. He is well aware, that there is no way that he can trip up faithful SDA’s on the Sabbath. Since he only needs one, what other commandment can he bring down the majority of the denomination of God’s end time remnant people? Now we will discuss his reason for choosing a particular commandment and how he will accomplish his goal.

Since he passionately hates God with an extreme hate, and has stated that he will be like the Most High, (Isaiah 14:14), he made the first commandment the object of his assault, which says, **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** Exodus 20:3.

What then is Satan’s plan to get the SDA denomination to change gods? IMPOSSIBLE? But not impossible from Satan’s perspective. Haven’t SDAs always honored the same God from their beginning?

To answer that question, let us examine four parts of the current Fundamental Beliefs. FB#2, "God is a Trinity. A unity of three co-eternal persons." The three co-eternal persons would be FB#3 God the Father; FB#4 God the Son and FB#5 God the Holy Spirit. To become a member of the worldwide SDA church, and to hold an office position, one must by oath, accept the 28 Fundamental Beliefs. So, isn't this the same belief of the founders of our church?

Here is a quote from a popular book titled "The Trinity," that was written by three Andrews University professors; Woodrow Whidden, Terry Moore and John Reeve. On page 190 it states, **"That most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian in their theology has become accepted Adventist history."** The fact is that they unanimously held that position for a good many years.

Here is another quote from the same page. **"More recently, a further question has arisen with increasing urgency: was the pioneers' belief about the Godhead right or wrong? As one line of reasoning goes, either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth."** A careful biblical study will prove the latter to be true.

On October 22, 1844, there were approximately 50,000 Millerite Adventists, anxiously awaiting the second coming of Jesus. On October 23rd, following a severe disappointment, there were only 50 souls who wanted to know why Jesus had not come. They began to earnestly study the Bible and with much prayer.

What we need to understand about these early pioneers of the faith, is that the majority of these people had left their former trinitarian denominational churches. Even Ellen White was a Methodist. Others came out of Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist, etc. However, James White came out of an anti-trinitarian church. The point is this, if the larger number were trinitarians, and if it was God's will that the trinitarian theology was correct, why were the early pioneers unanimously non-trinitarian? The answer is simple. God was leading them and teaching them the foundational truths of this new movement. The trinity doctrine was one of the first teachings that required correction, in order to be understood as an eternal truth.

As this small group of Adventists continued to study in earnest, God, by His Spirit, was leading and teaching them. When they became bogged down in their Bible studies, and had differing opinions on certain points of doctrine, Ellen White would be taken off in vision. When she came out of vision, she would give the answer that Jesus gave her. The issue was settled, and this is how many of our foundational doctrines were learned and believed.

Understand this, Satan is the father of all trinities, from the first pagan trinity of Nimrod, Semiramis and Tamuuz, to the trinities currently worshipped in many of the varied religions around the world. What about the Christian trinity identified as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? On the surface, it sounds reasonable. Again I must say, Satan is the father of all trinities, especially the so-called Christian trinity.

The Bible shows clearly that there is only one true eternal God and that is the Father. 1 Corinthians 8:6, **“But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him.”** Jesus also stated this eternal truth in John 17:3, **“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”** What condition for eternal life did Jesus state? That we know that God the Father is the only true God that has always existed and that Jesus, His begotten Son is who He sent. There are plenty of scriptures that confirm He was a begotten Son who God sent, for example John 3:16, 17.

Paul reconfirms the fact that there is one God identified as the Father, Ephesians 4:6, **“One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.”** Now, Jesus having been begotten of the Father at some point in eternity, is by His nature, fully God as well, however the Father is the only true eternal God.

The Bible destroys any theory that there are three co-eternal gods. In Ephesians 4:5 Paul states, **“One Lord, one faith, one baptism,”** One Lord Jesus, who is the only way to the Father, John 14:6, **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Does that mean the trinity god called god the holy spirit does not lead men to the Father? Ephesians 4: 4 **“[There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;”** How many Spirits? ONE Spirit. That one Spirit is the omnipresent Spirit of God. When He begat Jesus, He gave Him all of His attributes such as omnipotence, omniscience and His omnipresent Spirit which they share. That is why, when you have the Spirit of Christ in you, you also have the Spirit of the eternal Father. John 14:23 **“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”** It is only by Christ’s Spirit that where two or three are gathered in His name that He can be there with them. Matthew 18:20 **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”** And it is only by the Spirit of Christ that He will never leave nor forsake us. Hebrews 13:5 **“... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”** The One Spirit, the shared omnipresent Spirit of God and Christ is the Holy Spirit.

Were any of the 40 or more Biblical authors Trinitarian? No. All Scripture has been written by men, under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. None of the Old Testament

authors were trinitarian, and neither were any of the New Testament authors. This is why a Trinity cannot be proven with Scripture, however trinitarians do twist some scriptures in order to seemingly support their belief, however it is usually when a scripture has been taken out of context.

There were and still are numerous Pagan trinities in many countries around the world, but the first Christian trinity, officially entered the Christian church at the council of Nicea in 325 AD. The edict of Thessalonica (also known as Cunctos populos), issued February AD 380, by three reigning Roman Emperors, made Nicene Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire. It condemned other Christian religions such as the non-trinitarian belief called Arianism, as heresies of madmen, and authorized their persecution.

Most Christian religions today are Trinitarian and accept as authoritative, the Nicene Creed, also called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, as their statement of faith.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church never made the trinity doctrine official as a fundamental belief of the denomination until the General Conference session in Dallas, Texas in 1980. The revised Fundamental Beliefs were published in the yearbook in 1981. In 2020, the denomination has been wandering in the trinitarian wilderness for forty years. Had the denomination changed gods and did God, through His prophet, warn us of the impending danger? What makes it dangerous?

Let us deal with the last question first. What makes the trinity doctrine so dangerous? Earlier we stated the first commandment which reads, **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** The Me in the first commandment is the eternal Father God. The trinity is not a singular God, but rather is a unity of three co-eternal and co-equal gods. This in no way complements the first commandment, for it never said “Thou shalt not have a God before us.”

What warning did God give through His prophet? Selected Messages, volume 1, page 204, paragraph 2, which reads, ***“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the***

cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2}

Every part of this prophetic warning has been fulfilled, except the last eight words. God will have a remnant on a Rock foundation, but it will not be the current structure church that has sand for its foundation.

It says, “The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded.” How dare the intellectual philosophers of the current church, discard the principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church. They are claiming authority over God Himself. Do they not fear God? It goes on to say, “Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error.” Which fundamental principles? FP#1 and FP#2 which speak only of the Father and His Spirit, and Jesus Christ begotten of the Father. There is no FP regarding any third being. The two aforementioned read as follows from the 1872 year book:

- I. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7.**

- II. 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 sacrifice, is the very last portion of his work as priest according to the example of the Levitical**

priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in Heaven. See Lev. 16; Heb. 8:4, 5; 9:6, 7; c.

Let us now analyze what we have covered so far. The SDA church today has been trinitarian since 1980 and the Fundamental Belief #2 states that God is a trinity. A unity of three co-eternal persons. The church also states that the three are co-equal. What does co-eternal and co-equal mean? Co-eternal means all three gods have always been. No one is older or younger than the other two. Therefore, that means the Father and the Son do not have a true Father-Son relationship. The church teaches that the three gods selected which position they would act and therefore are role playing their separate parts. Since the three are co-equal gods, no one is above the other two in importance, but this makes for confusion since Fundamental Belief #3 says the role playing father god is sovereign.

What is the church's position in explaining the Father-Son relationship? In the previously mentioned book "The Trinity" on page 94 it says, **"While we often refer to Jesus as the Son and frequently call the first person of the Godhead the Father, do we really want to take such expressions in a totally literal way? Or would it be more appropriate to interpret them in a more metaphorical way that draws on selective aspects of sonship and fatherhood?"** The Father/Son relationship only a metaphor? Really?

When Angel Rodriguez and the BRI (Biblical Research Institute) was asked about the Father-Son relationship, he answered that it is only a metaphor. Here we have seen the testimony of two witnesses. Is their position reliable? I say no and here is why. What is the definition of a metaphor? It is **'a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action which is not literally applicable.'** Here is an example: *"A mighty fortress is our God."* God is compared to a mighty fortress, which is a strong place of protection and safety. The Father/Son relationship cannot be a metaphor, as it is not applied or compared to any object. Such a statement by the church and the BRI is an example of intellectual philosophy creating confusion.

This is a good reason why the trinity doctrine is so dangerous. The trinity doctrine has no logical explanation and it cannot be proven from scripture. Worst of all is the fact that the SDA trinity god is the same god as the Roman Catholic trinity god. So, why would the SDA god be no different than the god of the anti-Christ beast power?

Listen carefully to this quote given by God's prophet in 1904, ***"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.” --Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 59. (1904.)

To stand on the Fundamental Beliefs #2, 4 and 5 is the trinity doctrine that Satan wants the entire denomination to believe, for he knows, as the father of all trinities, such a doctrine breaks God’s first commandment. The Fundamental Principles of the pioneers are to be held firmly with the grip of faith, as they were founded on **unquestionable authority**, the Holy Spirit of Almighty God.

Would God ever allow trinitarian SDAs to preach the three angel’s messages in the time of trouble? No! Why not? The first message says, “Fear God and give glory to Him.” It does not say, “Fear the trinity and give glory to them.” It matters WHO you worship.

Notice also that Revelation 7:1-3 says, **“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**”

We see in these three verses the time of trouble about to begin, when a sealing angel is calling for more time to seal the servants of God in their foreheads. Is this the Sabbath seal. No, these are Sabbath-keeping servants that are to be sealed. Sealed with what?

Revelation 14:1 **“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.”** These Sabbath keeping servants of God have been sealed with the Father’s name in their foreheads. What does that mean? They do not have the blasphemous first commandment-breaking doctrine of Satan’s trinity in their foreheads, frontal lobes, for they understood and flatly rejected Satan’s all-time greatest deception. They know and understood that Jesus is truly the begotten Son of the eternal Father God and that the Holy Spirit is the omnipresent Spirit shared by the Father and the Son.

As hard as they tried to reason these truths with their SDA brethren, many rejected their non-trinitarian teaching as heresy. With tears in their eyes, they know that the trinity doctrine would cause so many SDAs, one day far into the future, to hear the words of Jesus saying, “I never knew you.” What more could the Father, Jesus, the Scriptures and God’s prophet to His end-time church, have done?

In 70 AD millions of Sabbath-keeping Jews lost their lives over the Sonship of Christ. It is in rejecting the truly begotten Sonship of Christ in favor of the three co-eternal trinity gods of the anti-Christ beast power, that will cause the eternal loss of multiplied millions of Sabbath-keeping SDAs, who, in spite of the warnings, fell victim to Satan's all-time greatest deception. They even missed the warning of Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:3, 4, **“But I fear, lest by any means, as *the serpent beguiled Eve* through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].”**

The trinity god has another Jesus, a role playing co-eternal, that Paul never preached. The trinity god has another Spirit other than the Spirit of the Father and the Son, which Paul never preached. The trinity god has produced another gospel that Paul never preached. The church has been beguiled by the serpent and has embraced the deception that fulfills the enemy's plan to take down the denomination that God had raised up. What more could have been done to wake up the sleeping, blind Laodiceans?

Here is a scripture that tells what your position with God would be if you reject the omnipresent Spirit of Christ. It is the final warning in this message. Romans 8:9 **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”** Here the Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ, and not a third being from the mind of Satan.

For more information, go to: www.victorysdachurch.org

My prayer is that the scales fall from the eyes of every SDA trinitarian before it is eternally too late. No second chance to get it right.

Richard C. Vaughn