

These two letters were written 20 years after the death of Ellen White and 4 years after the word Trinity first appeared in the Adventist Fundamental Beliefs. Now some are wondering what has happened as a different belief is now getting taught in the Church and many are confused. As you can see, H.W. Carr is not a Trinitarian but used the term *heavenly trio* just as Ellen White had, and so the use of this phrase did not define you as a Trinitarian as LeRoy Froom tried to imply in his book Evangelism. The thing that made it easier for LeRoy Froom to abuse her writings was that some of her statements regarding the Holy Spirit were unclear at times and open to interpretation. So much so that even her own son was not sure what she meant at times. So how can those who do not know her claim she was a Trinitarian based on the quotes LeRoy Froom extracted in an attempt to change the Adventist Church to his way of thinking and accepting the doctrine of the Trinity?

#### PORTIONS OF A LETTER FROM H.W. CARR TO W.C. WHITE

Jan. 24, 1935.

Dear Elder White:

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It is urged by some of our leaders now that The Holy Spirit is a third person of the same nature of the Father and son, a member of the heavenly trio, cooperative in creation and personally active with the Father and son. For many years I have used these statements of Sr. White in combating false teachings relative to defining the Holy Spirit.

Will you kindly tell me what you understand was your mother's position in reference to the personality of the Holy Spirit? ...

I know Brother White you would not depart from your mother's teachings, and that you have as perfect an understanding of them as any one. I shall appreciate your opinion very much.

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I am very truly yours in this blessed faith.

H.W. Carr

#### PORTIONS OF A LETTER FROM WILLIE C. WHITE IN RESPONSE

(E.G. WHITE'S SON) TO H.W. CARR

April 30, 1935.

Dear brother Carr,

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In your letter you request me to tell you what I understand to be my mother's position in reference to the personality of the Holy Spirit.

This I cannot do because I never clearly understood her teachings on the matter. There always was in my mind some perplexity regarding the meaning of her utterances which to my superficial manner of thinking seemed to be somewhat confusing. ...

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The statements and the arguments of some of our ministers in their effort to prove that the Holy Spirit was an individual as are God the Father and Christ, the eternal Son, have perplexed me and sometimes they have made me sad. One popular teacher said "We may regard Him, (the Holy Spirit) as the fellow who is down here running things."

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With kind regards, I remain sincerely your brother,

W.C. White

We see that Willie White was saddened and puzzled by people who were trying to prove that the Holy Spirit was an individual just like the Father and Son. What did Ellen White teach her son? And can we trust him and his understanding of the Holy Spirit? Ellen White says we can.

*"He would give me grace and strength for the work. It was also shown me that my son, W.C. White, should be my helper and counselor, and that the Lord would place on him the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind. I was shown that the Lord would guide him, and that he would not be led away, because he would recognize the leadings and guidance of the Holy Spirit." - E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 54, 55.*