

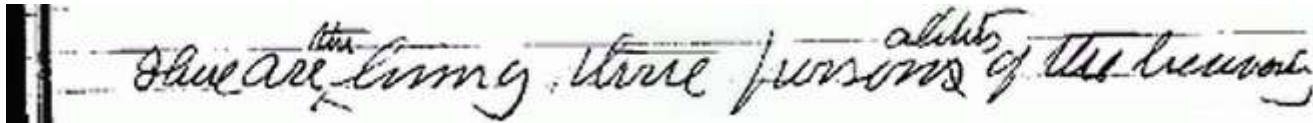
## Ellen White quotes explained that LeRoy Froom abused in his book Evangelism

It is claimed that Ellen White became a Trinitarian before completing the Desire of Ages which she finished in 1895. This claim is based on a handful of quotes that LeRoy Froom had to search for that he rightly figured would be misunderstood. It is notable that Froom and those who helped him had to search over *one hundred thousand pages* that Ellen White wrote just to find the handful of statements from her that on the surface *appeared* to fit the Trinitarian concept on the Holy Spirit. But *only* if you choose to read them as such and at the expense of the *thousands* of non-Trinitarian statements she wrote. This would be a deceitful way to treat her writings if that was done, and certainly would be a dishonest way to determine what she believed. This should never be done with Scripture and neither should it be done with Ellen White. The handful of quotes from LeRoy Froom which he put in his book Evangelism are called ev615 - ev617 or Evangelism 615 - 617. The most popular Evangelism quotes are explained below using other quotes from Ellen White that reveal the deception as well as the truth. Note that there are two sources listed. The first is from Ellen White and the second is from LeRoy Froom.

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### **(Evangelism p. 615.1)**

"*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 baptised.*" — (Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 7, pp. 62, 63, 1905) — *Evangelism* p. 615.1



The original handwriting reveals it should have been published as "here are the living three personalities" and not persons. Ellen White often borrows from other writers and borrowed from Trinitarian W. Boardman here. He wrote "three persons" and Ellen White changed it to "the living three personalities." Note the insertion of the word "the" and "persons" changed to "personalities."

Ellen White states that the "*living three personalities*" and "*three great powers*" are the "*Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*." So the identity of the *third living personality* which is also the *third great power* is the identity of the Holy Spirit. So who does she say is the Holy Spirit? "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ*," — (E.G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84). She also calls the Spirit of Christ a person with a *distinct personality* and hence three living personalities. "*Remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit*," — (E.G. White, DG 185.2, 1897). Christ of course is a person with a personality even if it is by His Spirit. "*The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.*" — (E.G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 20 MR No. 1487). She also said, "*Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power.*" — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 19, 1908). So that makes *three living personalities* and *three great powers* but the third is not another being but the Spirit of Christ.

Take careful note that Ellen White demonstrated a distinction between the words "PERSON" and "BEING." While she speaks of three personalities and powers in the Godhead, she consistently identifies "ONLY" two beings -- the Father and His Son. So the words "PERSON" and "BEING" have different meanings to Ellen White. So "heavenly trio" is in fact non-Trinitarian. Ellen White understood exactly what *trinity* means, being that the Father is God, Jesus is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet there are not three gods but one God, and that's the trinity! Whereas a trio is three functioning harmoniously to effect one common goal, which is Biblical and non-Trinitarian. So we do have a heavenly trio but not a heavenly trinity. If you can count to three then you should have no trouble verifying who Ellen White said is the third person of the heavenly trio. ONE + ONE + ONE = "*the Spirit of Christ*."

"**They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ**--is to bring unity into their ranks." — (E.G. White, *Testimonies* Volume 9, p. 189, 1909)

So who is the third person in the heavenly trio? It is amazing how many people decide that in order for the heavenly trio to be three, that it must be three beings. Says who? A Trinity is always three beings. But a Trio is either three people OR three of something. In this case it is three entities. She never said trinity or three beings! Ellen White and Christ both revealed that His Spirit can function independently of Himself and so of course that makes His Spirit a third entity.

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### **(Evangelism p. 615.2)**

"*Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God... In speaking of his pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him.*" — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, August 29, 1900) — *Evangelism* p. 615.2

Let's look at this statement from Ellen White that Froom used with intent to deceive in sections.

**Pre-existence:** The words pre-existent or pre-existence are not found in the Bible. However, the meaning of these words are applied to the existence of Christ before His incarnation. Wikipedia on the Pre-existence of Christ says: "*The doctrine of the pre-existence (or preexistence) of Christ asserts the ontological or personal existence of Christ before his conception.*"

All dictionaries state that pre-existence means to exist before something else. It does not however mean to have always existed. The word pre-existence in fact implies a beginning. The idea of pre-existence is consistent with Scripture which continually reveals Christ to have existed as the Son of God before His incarnation and before all things were created.

The trinity doctrine claims Christ has always existed and to state the obvious, that means He cannot be the Son of God. Thus it is claimed that He is only called a Son as a result of His incarnation and birth in Bethlehem. This however is contrary to Scripture which tells us that Christ "*is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*" *Colossians 1:15 NKJV*

Thus we see that Paul is telling us that Christ was "Begotten First or Born Before all creation" because all of creation was by God through His Son Jesus Christ. "*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.*" *Ephesians 3:9*

"Christ is "the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature; for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, Nov. 15, 1899)

For even further clarity on Colossians 1:15 and her statement above, she states Jesus is the first born of heaven. Christ cannot be the first born before all creation and the first born of heaven and have always existed.

"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner." — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 51)

Below Ellen White states that the personality of Christ as the Son of God did not begin with His incarnation. In other words He was already the Son of God before He came to Earth.

"O what a gift God has made to our world! The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, liable to physical infirmities, tempted in all points like as we are. He was the Son of the living God. His personality did not begin with His incarnation in the flesh." — (E.G. White, Lt77, August 3, 1894)

When Ellen White speaks of the pre-existence of Christ, she is not just referring to His existence before His incarnation, but also to His personality as the literal Son of God. So it is actually the Trinitarian view that denies the pre-existence of Christ in the full sense, as it denies the personality of Christ as the literal Son of God before His birth in Bethlehem.

Ellen White further confirms this in the following quote which refers to all the fallen Churches which are all Trinitarian. Hence she is stating that all these Trinitarian Churches deny the pre-existence of Jesus Christ as the literal Son of God before His incarnation. Most Trinitarians have not noticed this and have failed to realize that there is more to the pre-existence of Christ than just existing before His birth as the Son of Man on Earth.

"The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to his birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy, sanctified day. These and kindred errors are presented to the world by the various, churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, September 12, 1893)

**Self-existent Son of God:** Self-existent means existing independently of other beings or causes. This applies to both the Father and the Son that are not reliant on other beings to exist and so are self-existent.

Ellen White wrote. "In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour." — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1897)

Did you notice that this original, unborrowed and underived life can also be given to man? The life of Christ was *original, unborrowed and underived* as it was given to Him by His Father.

"*For as the Father has life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have life in Himself;*" John 5:26. And since the Father gave His life to His Son, then Christ has the same self-existent life as His Father. If Jesus had always existed alongside the Father as the Trinity doctrine claims, then God could not have given life to His Son as He would have always had life. But Scripture reveals this is impossible.

Ellen White also wrote that "All things Christ received from God, but He took to give." — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 21). And of course "all things" means everything! John 5:26 confirms this includes His life as you would expect.

**Dateless ages:** Time as we know it is measured by the spheres in the heavens. For example: A year for the earth to revolve around the sun, a month for the moon to revolve around the earth and a day for one rotation of the earth. And it is from this that our "date" is derived. Hence the time before the creation of all things is called the "dateless ages" as there was nothing in the heavens to measure time by. So phrases such as "from eternity", "from everlasting", "before time was", "the days of eternity", "from the beginning" and "before the earth was" were used to describe the period where there was nothing to measure time by. All these phrases all mean the same thing. Quite simply, before the earth and all things were created. Much confusion arises from such phrases due to a lack of understanding of these facts.

**There never was a time when Christ was not in close fellowship with His Father:** Of course. The Father and Son love each other very much and are always in close fellowship. We should not expect anything else and this is what Ellen White is saying. So while we can say that there was never a time that Jesus was not in close fellowship with His Father, you cannot say that there was never a time that the Father was not in close fellowship with His Son. And hence you will never find Ellen White writing those words.

**Had been with God as one brought up with Him:** The final part reveals that Ellen White is stating that Jesus was brought forth in the dateless ages and was brought up with His Father being His Son. She is quoting Proverbs 8:22-30.

"*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." — (E.G. White, *PP*, 34.1)

Below Ellen White confirms that she is referring to the literal Son of God that was brought forth before all creation.

"Through Solomon Christ declared: "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth." — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, August 29, 1900)

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### (Evangelism p. 615.3)

"He was equal with God, infinite and omnipotent.... He is the eternal, self-existent Son." — (E.G. White, 12MR 395.3) — Evangelism p. 615.3)

**He was equal with God:** "God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father." — (E.G. White, 8T 268.3)

**Infinite:** Christ was brought forth from the Father and hence is the same substance of His Father. This means that everything Christ consists of has always existed as it came from the Father. And so Ellen White says that Christ "is truly God in infinity" as He came out of

God. But the person of Christ had a beginning even though what Christ consists of does not. "The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality." — (E.G. White, MS116, December 19, 1905)

**Eternal:** See eternal on Evangelism p. 616.4.

**Self-existent Son:** Self-existent means existing independently of other beings or causes. This applies to both the Father and the Son that are not reliant on other beings to exist and so are self-existent. "All things Christ received from God, but He took to give." — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 21). And of course "all things" means everything! John 5:26 confirms this includes His life. "For as the Father has life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have life in Himself;" John 5:26. And since the Father gave His life to His Son, then Christ has the same self-existent life as His Father. If Jesus had always existed alongside the Father as the Trinity doctrine claims, then God could not have given life to His Son as He would have always had life. But Scripture reveals this is impossible.

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#### (Evangelism p. 616.1)

"Christ shows them that, although they might reckon His life to be less than fifty years, yet His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation. The existence of Christ before His incarnation is not measured by figures." — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, May 3, 1899) — Evangelism p. 616.1)

Time as we know it is measured by the spheres in the heavens. For example: A year for the earth to revolve around the sun, a month for the moon to revolve around the earth and a day for one rotation of the earth. And it is from this that our "date" is derived. Hence the time before the creation of all things there was nothing in the heavens to measure time by. So phrases such as "from eternity", "from everlasting", "before time was", "the days of eternity", "from the beginning" and "before the earth was" were used to describe the period where there was nothing to measure time by. So all these phrases mean the same thing. Quite simply, before the earth and all things were created.

And since Ellen White wrote that Christ was brought forth from the *days of eternity* when there was nothing to measure time by, then the existence of Christ before His incarnation cannot be measured by figures.

"Out of Bethlehem, said the prophet, "shall He come forth ... that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, 44.2)

And below Ellen White explains further why His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation.

"And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He [Christ] has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is yet an infinity beyond." — (E.G. White, 7BC 919.5)

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#### (Evangelism p. 616.2)

"Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection, and the life." In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. "He that hath the Son hath life." The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life." — (*Desire of Ages*, p. 530) — Evangelism p. 616.2

Many have assumed that this quote means Christ has always existed. But in a later writing of this quote she reveals that is not what she was saying. "I lay it down of myself" (John 10: 18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour." — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1897 and *Selected Messages Book 1*, pp. 296, 297)

Note that this original, unborrowed and underived life can also be given to man. The life of Christ was *original, unborrowed and underived* as it was given to Him by His Father. "For as the Father has life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have life in Himself;" John 5:26. If Jesus had always existed alongside the Father as the Trinity doctrine claims, then God could not have given life to His Son as He would have always had life. She also wrote, "All things Christ received from God, but He took to give." — (*Desire of Ages*, p. 21). And since the life of the Father has been given to His Son, then that means Christ is also self-existent. So the Father gave this life to His Son and through Christ it can be given to us also.

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#### (Evangelism p. 616.4)

The Eternal Dignitaries of the Trinity—"The eternal heavenly dignitaries—God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit—arming them [*the disciples*] with more than mortal energy, ... would advance with them to the work and convince the world of sin." — (Ellen G. White, 16MR 204.4) — Evangelism p. 616.4)

Note that the text "The Eternal Dignitaries of the Trinity" that is found in front of this quote in Froom's book was not written by Ellen White but was added by Froom to aid his deception.

**God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit:** Ellen White says, "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency," — (E.G. White, 14MR 84.3). So the three are God, and Christ (Saviour) and the Holy Spirit of Christ. Thus the third is not another literal being. "They have ONE God and ONE Saviour; and ONE Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—" — (E.G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

**Eternal:** Ellen White's use of the word "eternal" has also confused many people such as used in the quote in question. For instance, what did she mean when she said Christ existed from eternity or from everlasting in the quote below?

"The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by him as his right. This was no robbery of God. "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way," he declares, "before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world." — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906)

Ellen White is quoting Proverbs 8:23-26 above and equates *eternity* with *everlasting*, meaning before the earth was created. So when she said *eternity*, she did not mean that Christ had always existed. She confirms this twice when she says that Christ was "brought forth," which means she is also saying that Christ's personality had a beginning.

Our Bible writers who did not understand science as we do saw that time began when Christ created all things, and that He was born of God before this. As [Proverbs 8:23](#) says, "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or before the earth was." The Septuagint, also called the LXX, which is the Greek Old Testament that was always quoted from by Christ and His Apostles says, "He established me in the beginning, before time was, before He made the earth."

The Hebrew word for "Everlasting" in Proverbs 8:23 can mean "the vanishing point", "time out of mind - past or future", "ancient time" and "beginning of the world" for example. And all of these basically mean the same thing. That is, as far as one can see in time, which is the beginning of creation and the earth in this case.

Time as we know it is measured by the spheres in the heavens. For example: A year for the earth to revolve around the sun, a month for the moon to revolve around the earth and a day for one rotation of the earth. And it is from this that our "date" is derived. Hence the time before the creation of all things there was nothing in the heavens to measure time by. So phrases such as "from eternity", "from everlasting", "before time was", "the days of eternity", "from the beginning" and "before the earth was" were used to describe the period where there was nothing to measure time by. So all these phrases mean the same thing. Quite simply, before the earth and all things were created. Not without beginning as many erroneously believe today. Much confusion arises from such phrases due to a lack of understanding.

Ellen White endorsed Waggoner's book *Christ and His Righteousness*, so we will be comparing Waggoner with Ellen White just for clarity since Waggoner uses clearer wording and more detail. Compare Ellen White and Waggoner below as they quote Micah 5:2 stating that Christ was brought forth in "the days of eternity" or "ages of eternity".

*"Out of Bethlehem, said the prophet, "shall He come forth ... that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity."* — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, 44.2)

*"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity."* Micah 5:2, margin. *We know that Christ proceeded forth and came from God* (John 8:42), *but it was so far back in the ages of eternity as to be far beyond the grasp of the mind of man.* — (E.J. Waggoner, *Christ and His Righteousness*, p. 9, 1890)

Waggoner says Christ was brought forth so long ago that it is beyond the grasp of the mind of man. And Ellen White below states that to try and find the time before Christ had an existence that you would fall down faint and exhausted trying.

*"And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He [Christ] has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is yet an infinity beyond."* — (E.G. White, *7BC* 919.5)

Comparing Ellen White and Waggoner we find that Christ "is truly God in infinity" but His personality had a beginning when He was brought forth from the Father.

*"The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality."* — (E.G. White, *MS116*, December 19, 1905)

*"While both are of the same nature, the Father is first in point of time. He is also greater in that he had no beginning, while Christ's personality had a beginning."* — (E.J. Waggoner, *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1889)

Comparing Ellen White and Waggoner again we find that Christ was *tore from the bosom* of His Father in "the days of eternity" which is far back in time it is practically without beginning.

*"There was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father* (John 8:42; 1:18), *but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning."* — (E.J. Waggoner, *Christ and His Righteousness*, p. 21, 1890)

*"The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, tore from his bosom* Him who was made in the express image of his person, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind." — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895)

So Christ was *tore from the bosom* of His Father and hence *was part of Himself*, which is something a Trinitarian can never say. The Son of God was brought forth from the Father and hence is the same substance of His Father. This means that everything Christ consists of has always existed as it came from the Father. This is what Ellen White means when she says that Christ "is truly God in infinity" as He came out of God. But the person of Christ had a beginning even though what Christ consists of does not. Thus it would not necessarily be incorrect to say that Christ has always existed before he was born from the perspective that He existed in the bosom of His Father, and in that respect Christ is eternal in the same manner as His Father. This could also be what Ellen White meant when she said Christ was eternal in a two of her quotes.

And of course, Christ cannot be the first born before all creation and the first born of heaven and have always existed.

*"Christ is "the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature; for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."* — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, Nov. 15, 1899)

*"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner."* — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 51)

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### (Evangelism p. 616.5)

*"We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds."* — (Ellen G. White, *Sermons and Talks Volume 2*, pp. 136, 137, 1899) — Evangelism p. 616.5

Here is the entire quote to see the context.

*"The Lord [Jesus] says this because He knows it is for our good. He would build a wall around us, to keep us from transgression, so that His blessing and love may be bestowed on us in rich measure. This is the reason we have established a school here. The Lord [Jesus] instructed us that this was the place in which we should locate, and we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes; that the Lord God is our Keeper and Helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind."* — (Ellen G. White, *Sermons and Talks Volume 2*, pp. 136, 137, 1899)

We now know that the *Holy Spirit* is the Spirit of Christ who is as much a person as God is a person but what else reveals this? The context also shows it is the Lord Jesus Christ through His Spirit who walks through these grounds as our *Keeper and Helper*. He is the one who *hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind*. He is the only one who can renew our mind and transform us into His image through the power of His Spirit. Thus the close unity between God, who is a person, and the Holy Spirit of Christ, who is as much a person, is clearly demonstrated.

Who does Ellen White say is walking through our streets *unseen by human eyes* by His Holy Spirit? "Christ walks unseen through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes." — (E.G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 107). And who does Ellen White say hears every word we utter? "Remember that Jesus is beside you wherever you go, noting your actions and listening to your words." — (E.G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, February 4, 1897). The answer is Christ through His Spirit. And considering a Spirit cannot be seen, why does she state the obvious by saying *unseen by human eyes*? Because it is Christ who is an actual being that by His physical presence can be seen just as people can but by His Spirit cannot be. "The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the Lord Jesus, the unseen, agency, by His Holy Spirit is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.—Letter 105, 1900." — (E.G. White, 2SM 18.3)

So how does Christ walk unseen through our streets? By His Holy Spirit. And how was Christ walking unseen through the Avondale school grounds? By His Holy Spirit. So we need to realize that it is *Christ, who is as much a person as God is a person, walking through these grounds, unseen by human eyes*. Why is He unseen? Because He is doing so by His Holy Spirit. Ellen White was explaining omnipresence to the students at the Avondale School in this talk.

So Ellen White says it is Christ who hears every word we utter and is walking unseen by our side and He is unseen because it is by His Holy Spirit. "How few realize that Jesus, unseen, is walking by their side! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that He heard all their foolish, common talk!" — (E.G. White, 14 MR 125.3). We also know it is Christ as she said that, "He is an *unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit*," — (E.G. White, DG 185.2, 1897) and that "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ*," — (E.G. White, 14 MR, p. 84)

So is Christ as the unseen person of the Holy Spirit as much a person as God is a person? Of course! So this quote could also be written as, "We need to realize that *Christ, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds by His Holy Spirit, unseen by human eyes*."

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### (Evangelism 616.6 and 617.1)

"*The Holy Spirit always leads to the written word. The Holy Spirit is a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. ... The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God.*" — (Ellen G. White, MS 20, 1906) — Evangelism 616.6 and 617.1

The only quote we need is one where Ellen White says, "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.*" — (E.G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84)

Because this alone reveals that the above quote to be referring to the Spirit of Christ and not another literal being. But I will go further and provide quotes that reveal Ellen White used these phrases in reference to the Holy Spirit of Christ.

The quote in question says the *Holy Spirit is a person* and in the quote below she calls "Christ" the *person of the Holy Spirit*. So we have no conflict. She is referring to Christ by His Spirit, not another literal being. And the Spirit of Christ is a *divine person* of course. "When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of *Christ*, remember that *He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit*," — (E.G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

Christ of course is a person and hence one of the reasons she calls Christ the *person of the Holy Spirit* since it is His presence by His Spirit. Note that she often uses the word *unseen* when referring to Christ by His Spirit. So if she is calling Christ or the Holy Spirit *unseen* it is because she means it is Christ by His Spirit as in this form He cannot be seen. For example: "The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the Lord Jesus, the unseen, agency, by His Holy Spirit is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.—Letter 105, 1900." — (E.G. White, 2SM 18.3)

Christ through His Spirit is also the Comforter. "*The holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.*" — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 29, 1892). "*This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.*" — (E.G. White, 14MR 179.3)

So the Comforter is the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Christ. The quote in question says *The Holy Spirit has a personality* and below she effectively says the *Holy Spirit of Christ has a distinct personality*. So there is no conflict here either. The entire quote is referring to Christ by His Spirit and not another literal being. "*The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.*" — (E.G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 20, MR No. 1487)

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### (Evangelism p. 617.2)

"*The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.*" — (Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies*, Series A, No. 10, p. 37, 1897) — Evangelism p. 617.2

So who is the "third person" who alone and hence only can hold in check the "power of evil?" "*Jesus alone has power to save from sin to free from the power of evil;*" — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, February 10, 1891). It is Jesus that holds in check the prince of the power of evil.

Ellen White also says the *third person of the Godhead [is] the Holy Spirit*. Therefore the third person is whoever the Holy Spirit is. She said, "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,*" — (E.G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84). So the Spirit of Christ is the *third person* and we also find that she calls the Spirit of Christ a person. "When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of *Christ*, remember that *He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit*," — (E.G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

We also find the answer in the following, "*Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.*" — (E.G. White, CTr 301.4). Compare the grey underlined phrases to see who is Christ's representative which is the Holy Spirit and the *third person* of the Godhead. "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His [Christ] representative.*" — (E.G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

She also wrote that, "Sin could be resisted and overcome **only** through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead," — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, 671.2). So who is that we can **only** overcome sin and evil? The answer is found in the same quote. "**Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.**" — (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, 671.2). And also, "**There is no power in you apart from Christ, but it is your privilege to have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and He can overcome sin in you, when you cooperate with His efforts.**" — (E.G. White, *Our High Calling*, 76.5). And "With **His Spirit** Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that **takes away sin.**" — (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 19, 1904)

Ellen White said **only** the "third person" can overcome sin in you and she tells us that person is the "Spirit of Christ." Why would we think it was anyone else other than the One who conquered and overcame sin on the cross?

Here is the Godhead according to Ellen White. Count to see who the *third person* is. "**They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ**--is to bring unity into their ranks." — (E.G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)

Ellen White also used lower case to show that she did not mean a literal divine being, but after her death, others were responsible for capitalizing "Third Person" in her writings giving the reader the wrong idea. It is dishonest and wrong to misrepresent the thoughts of a writer.

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### (Evangelism p. 617.3)

"*We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,--and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.*" — (Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 7, p. 51) — Evangelism p. 617.3

In regards to "three highest powers" or "three great powers," Ellen White says *powers*, not *beings*. The third power is the Holy Spirit which many interpret to mean another literal being. But this is incorrect as she says the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, not another being. "*The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,*" — (14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84)

As for the Holy Spirit being referred to as a power, she called the Spirit of Christ a divine "power" which is also the presence and "power" of God. "**Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power.**" — (Review and Herald, November 19, 1908). "*The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.*" — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, November 23, 1891). The world's Redeemer of course is Christ and the divine Spirit He promised to send is His own Spirit to be our Comforter. "*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.*" — (E.G. White, Lt119, February 18, 1895)

In the following quote we find once again that God, His Son, and His Son's Spirit are the "three great powers" in Heaven. "*Our sanctification is the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfilment of the covenant that God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with Him, with His Son, and with HIS SPIRIT in holy fellowship. Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus? Then co-operate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf.*" — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, June 19, 1901)

So who are the "three great powers?" The third is not another literal being, it is the Spirit of Christ. "**They have ONE God and ONE Saviour; and ONE Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--**" — (E.G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

So here are the "three highest POWERS" in heaven but who are the "three highest BEINGS?" Ellen White tells us the third highest Being in Heaven before sin was Lucifer. (E.G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 35). And after the fall she revealed Gabriel was the third highest Being in Heaven. (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 234)

How easy is it to abuse or misunderstand a few quotes from Ellen White if you do look at what else she wrote?

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