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Eld. W.C. White,  
St. Helena, Calif.

Dear Elder White:

Your recent reminder of the efficient provision for carrying forward Sr. Whites work, and the gems of thought which accompanied your announcement is very much appreciated, "she being dead yet speaketh." God has lead this people on, and is still leading, through His chosen servant, for which we praise Him.

In the first pages of Great Controversy it is stated that the "Father has an associate – a co-worker ... The only being that could enter into all the councils and purposes of God. The Father wrought by His son in the creation of all heavenly beings ... "He holds supremacy over them all." Sin originated with Satan, who next to Christ had been most honoured of God, and was highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Next to Christ he was first among the host of God. The Son of God had wrought the Fathers will in the creation of all host of heaven. "The son of God was exalted above Satan as on in power and authority with the Father." Christ created Satan. Eze. 28:15

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

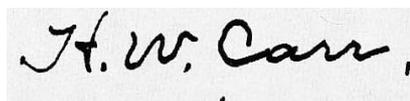
Does Sister Whites writings any where teach that prayer should only be addressed to the Father, or that we should not address Christ in prayer, only through the Father?

Does she anywhere tell what that power is that shall plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain? Dan.11:45

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

Assuring you of the high esteem and respect I have had from my childhood in your father, mother and family,

I am very truly yours in this blessed faith.



H. W. Carr,

April 20, 1935

Elder H.W. Carr  
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Dear Brother Carr:

I held in my hand your letter of January 24. For some months I have been so heavily pressed with work connected with manuscripts which we were preparing for the printer that my correspondence has had to wait.

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. I have often regretted that I did not possess that keenness of mind that could solve this and similar perplexities, and then remembering what Sister White wrote in "Acts of the Apostles," pages 51 and 52, "regarding such mysteries which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden," I have thought best to refrain from discussion and have endeavored to direct my mind to matters easy to be understood.

As I read the Bible, I find that the risen Saviour breathed on the disciples (John 20:22) "and saith unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'" The conception received from this Scripture, seems to be in harmony with the statement in "Desire of Ages" page 669, also Gen. 1:2; with Luke 1:4; with Acts 2:4; also 8:15 and 10:44. Many other texts might be referred to which seem to be in harmony with this statement in "Desire of Ages."

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."

My perplexities were lessened a little when I learned from the dictionary that one of the meanings of personality, was

characteristics. It is stated in such a way that I concluded that there might be personality without bodily form which is possessed by the Father and the Son.

There are many Scriptures which speak of the Father and the Son and the absence of Scripture making similar reference to the united work of the Father and the Holy Spirit or of Christ and the Holy Spirit, has led me to believe that the spirit without Individuality was the representative of the Father and the Son throughout the universe, and it was through the Holy Spirit that they dwell in our hearts and make us one with the Father and with the Son.

My answer to your second question "Does Sister White's writings anywhere teach that prayer should only be addressed to the Father, or that we should not address Christ in prayer, only through the Father," is that I think not. I have not found such teachings in Ellen White's writings.

Your third question "Does she anywhere tell what the power is that "shall plant the tabernacle of His palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain?" I must answer in the same way, I think not. We have not found any statement regarding this in Sister White's writings nor do we remember any statement made orally in our presence.

Enclosed with this brief and unsatisfactory letter, you will find our News Letter of April 4.

I pray that you may have help from heaven in studying that which is necessary to be known and patience to wait for the revelation of that regarding which we are now in some uncertainty.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely your brother,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W.C. White". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

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W.C. White