

Food For Thought -- Part 1

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- If the Creators (plural) said "Let us make man in our image and likeness" and "male and female created He them" (Genesis 5:2)...in *Whose Image* was Eve created?
- Why was the Mercy Seat in the most holy place of the Tabernacle called a *seat*...did *Someone* sit on it? (SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 989)
- Why were some animal sacrifices in the Hebrew economy specified to be male...and others specified to be female?
- Why was the form of a *dove*...and not some other bird...chosen to depict the descent of the *Holy Spirit* upon the Messiah at his baptism?
- In the sacrifice of the two turtledoves, why was the male killed...but the *female* released to fly away after being dipped in the blood of the male?
- Why did two distinct streams...one of blood and the other of *water*...flow from the side of the smitten Messiah?
- Are both blood and *water* necessary...to fully *cleanse* and *restore* our soul temples? (Hebrews 9:22)
- How can the *Spirit* (Greek *paracletos* in John 14, 15, 16 - translated as advocate or comforter) intercede for us (Romans 8:26)...when I Timothy 2:5 tells us that the Messiah is the only Mediator between the Almighty and man?
- If the Messiah was the Second Adam...who was the *Second Eve*?
- If there really is a *Second Eve* to assist our Saviour in His mission to raise up many sons to *glory* (Hebrews 2:10)...when was the Second Adam put into a deep sleep so that *She* could be taken from His side?
- When the Messiah on His cross said..."Father, into Thy hands I commend My *Spirit*" (Luke 24:46)...and His Being shone with *Heavenly Glory* like the sun (DA 756)...and He gave up the *Ghost* (Luke 24:46)...what (or *Who*) was it that He committed to His Father's care? (Hint: "The *Shekinah* had departed from the Sanctuary, but in the Child of Bethlehem was veiled the *Glory* before which angels bow." DA 52)
- If the Saviour really paid the price for our sins...really died the second death...how could He resurrect Himself (John 10:18), when we are not able to do or even think anything after dying only the first death?
- If the *Latter Rain* comes the way many think it will...how could some receive it and those around them be unaware of it...as Sister White says will happen in TM 507?
- If the *Loud Cry* and *Latter Rain* began as a *message* in 1888...do you think they may begin as a *message* at the end of the age...that is, right now!?
- If, at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, we are among the guests... the ten virgins... or the bridal procession... *Who* is the *Bride*? (See GC p. 427: "If guests, they cannot be represented also as the *Bride*.")
- When in the Revelation "The *Spirit* and the *Bride* say 'come'"...are we inviting ourselves to the Wedding?
- Why did Solomon (in his *Song of Solomon*) call his *bride* his sister, his dove, and his undefiled?

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"I stated [at the 1888 General Conference Session] that...there was to be a *special light* for the Almighty's people as they neared the closing scenes of this earth's history. *Another angel* was to come down from heaven with a message, and the whole earth was to be lighted with his *glory*. It would be impossible for us to state just how this *additional light* would come. It might come in a very unexpected manner, in a way that would not agree with the ideas that many have conceived. It is not at all unlikely, or contrary to the ways and works of the Heavenly Father to send *light* to His people in unexpected ways."

Letter 22, January 18, 1889

"...beware of rejecting that which is truth...many will reject the very messages the Heavenly Father sends to His people, if [the] leading brethren do not accept them. Suppose a brother held a view that differed from yours, and he should come to you, proposing that you sit down with him and make an investigation of that point in the Scriptures; should you rise up, filled with prejudice, and condemn his ideas, while refusing to give him a candid hearing? The only right way would be to sit down as true Believers and investigate the position in the light of the Bible."

TM p. 107

"In the manifestation of the *Power* that *Lightens* the earth with its *glory*, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Saviour does not work according to their expectations and ideals, they will oppose the work. Why, they say, should we not know the *Spirit* of the Almighty, when we have been in the work for so many years?"

Bible Training School, 1907

"The *light* which will lighten the earth with its *glory* will be called a false light by those who refuse to walk in its advancing *glory*. We entreat of you who oppose the *light* of truth, to stand out of the way of the Almighty's people. Let *Heaven-sent light* shine forth upon them in clear steady rays. The Father holds you, to whom this *light* has come, responsible for the use you make of it. Those who will not hear will be held responsible; for the truth has been brought within their reach, but they despised their opportunities and privileges."

RH, May 27, 1890

"We need never expect that when the Saviour has *light* for his people, Satan will stand calmly by, and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. He will work upon minds to excite distress and jealousy and unbelief. Let us beware that we do not refuse the *light* the Almighty sends, because it does not come in a way to please us. Let not the Almighty's blessings be turned away from us because we know not the time of our visitation. If there are any who do not see and accept the *light* themselves, let them not stand in the way of others. Let it not be said of this highly favoured people, as of the Jews, when the good news of the Kingdom was preached to them, 'They entered not in themselves, and them that were entering in, they hindered.'"

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"*Precious light* is to shine forth from the Word of Inspiration, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment that He shall send, and so quench the *Spirit of Prophecy*. Whatever may be his position of authority, no one has a right to shut away the light from the people."

Testimonies to Sabbath School Workers p. 65

"It shall come to pass afterward that I shall pour out my *Spirit* on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days, will I pour out My *Spirit*." Joel 2:28,29

"*Mighty miracles* were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers.

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"If any of you lacks *Wisdom*, let him ask of Yahweh, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5 "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your own children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the *Holy Spirit* to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13

- When the Saviour told Nicodemus that he must be *born again* or he could not see or enter into the Kingdom...and Nicodemus protested against the impossibility of an old man going back a second time into his mother's womb to be born again... and the Saviour chided this "Master of Israel" for failing to understand that He spoke of being *born again* of the *Spirit* (John chapter 3)...was He telling Nicodemus that the *Holy Spirit* was his *Spiritual Mother*?
- When the Messiah (in John 14:16-18) said that He would ask the Father to give us another Comforter ("even the Spirit of truth") so that we would not be left comfortless (translated "parent-less" or "as orphans") when He departed from us... was He telling us that the promised *Comforter* would be one of our spiritual parents?
- Is *Someone*...or two *Someones*... missing in the traditional doctrine of the trinity...(traditional Catholic doctrine, by the way...)...and is someone there who does not belong there?
- When Paul stated that the woman is the glory of the man (1 Corinthians 11:7)...was he expressing a general principle that could help us to understand the Father's *Glory* and the Son's *Glory*?
- When Sister White tells us that woman is created godlike! - (and man too, for that matter) in God's (Yahweh's) image! -- and that the proper exercise of the feminine (and masculine) capabilities is godlike (A Solemn Appeal 173,174,179)...is she suggesting that Yahweh is family, i.e. that the Family of Heaven is a heavenly family...with a Heavenly Father...and a *Heavenly Mother* (see Romans 1:20)?
- When Isaiah was given a vision of the Heavenly King's *Glory* (Isaiah 6; Manuscript 71, 1897; 7A Bible Commentary, 1139; RH Oct. 16, 1888; RH June 4, 1889)...was that *Glory* he saw personified by *Someone*...and was that why he felt his lips unclean or unsuited to describe properly what he had seen?
- Is the "Woman in Heaven" that John the Revelator describes in Revelation 12...the *church*...a symbol of the *church*...the *Mother of the church*..."Jerusalem which is above, which is the *Mother of us all*" (Galatians 4:26)...a real *Divine Being*...the *Helpmate* and *Glory* of the Heavenly Father...or all of the above? (For a detailed study of the true church and false churches, call for your copy of *Food For Thought Part 4*, entitled *Lessons from the Reformation* by A.T. Jones, including "An Appeal for Evangelical Christianity," "The Spirit of the Papacy," and "Opposing Principles.")
- Was the Son born in Heaven (see Proverbs 30:4; also, see Colossians 1:15, 16 and Micah 5:2)...before He was born on Earth?...and if He was, would not both the Parents of the Son on earth need to be the same as both the Parents of the Son in Heaven...if the Son on earth was the same Son as the Son in Heaven?
- Could Hebrews 7:9,10 -- "Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for He was still in the loins of his Father when Melchizadek met him." -- help us to understand what Sister White meant when she said in 5BC 1126 that Yahshua the Son of Yahweh existed from eternity?
- When Scripture tells us that our Saviour Yahshua obtained a more excellent name than the angels by inheritance (Hebrews 1:4)...from Whom did He inherit it...and everything else about Himself, which was the fullness of the Godhead (King James English -- Colossians 2:9) or Heavenly Family bodily? (Hint: the Sacred Name **YAH** contains both masculine and *feminine* components in the original Hebrew rendering.)

- Could we understand better why the *Holy Spirit* is referred to as an "it" or a "he" in the New Testament if we were mindful of the facts mentioned by William Richardson in his *Adventist Review* (December 1995) article entitled, "Can We Make Time for Mysteries? -- The Relevance of the *Holy Spirit* Today." He states: "Then there is the gender issue. The Greek uses a neuter noun for the Spirit. But the resultant 'it' seems so impersonal that we usually prefer the more personal pronoun 'he.' A few have suggested that the *Holy Spirit* is the member of the Trinity who represents some feminine characteristics and concerns so should be thought of and referred to as 'she.' But though most people today are sensitive to gender-inclusive language, the notion of a 'feminine' *Holy Spirit* has not caught on in mainstream Christianity. Consequently, male pronouns predominate."
- Was it Abraham's seed... or the seed of the free woman - Sarah his wife...that was the vital essence in the typical child of promise? (Hint: remember the bondswoman Hagar.)
- If Yahshua the messiah was merely a literal descendant or seed of the earthly Abraham, then how would He tell the Jews that "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:56-58... or, was Yahshua the Seed of the Heavenly Abraham, of whom the earthly Abraham was a type?
- If Mary was the real mother of the Messiah -- the True Child of Promise -- rather than the surrogate for the *Divine Mother*, the *Free Woman*, the *Jerusalem* which is above, which is the *Mother* of us all (Galatians 4: 26)...then why did He unexpectedly correct and enlighten His disciples by stating that His *Mother*, and brothers, and sisters...are those that do the will of His Father...and why did He not refer to Mary as His mother, but rather as "woman" (John 19:26)?
- If both the Saviour's Parents were Heavenly Beings, then how could He possibly be of the seed of Abraham? (Hint: -- from John the Baptist -- "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father (or the literal fleshly seed of Abraham as our Everlasting Father. Isaiah 9:6 -parenthesis supplied): for I say unto you, that Yahweh is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham!" Matthew 3:9).
- If Yahshua the Messiah was really the Son of the Heavenly Father and the *Heavenly Mother*, then how could He possibly be the Son of David as required by the Biblical prophecies and as noted in Biblical genealogies (Matthew 1, and Luke 3 - both giving the lineage of Joseph, by the way, who had not come together with his espoused wife Mary before she was found with Child of the *Holy Ghost*, Matthew 1:18)... or was He the Son of the Heavenly David, of who the earthly David was a type? (Hint: "And he said unto them, How say they that the Messiah is David's Son? And David Himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD (Yahweh) said unto my Lord (The Messiah - Yahshua), sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore called him (The Messiah - Yahshua) Lord, how is he then his son?" Luke 20: 41-44)
- Why was that great Catholic scholar/theologian and church father St. Alphonsus de Liguori given the heavenly revelation that the Holy Spirit was the male spouse of Mary, as explained in his masterpiece *The Glories of Mary*, and that they embraced in divine/human marriage relationship to beget/conceive the Saviour...or was the revelation from hell instead of heaven?
- If Yahweh's law is the transcript of His Character (GC 465)...why did He break the 7th precept of His own law, and sleep with or instruct His Catholic male holy spirit to sleep with, Mary, another man's wife...and then to add insult to injury, send an angel to mock Joseph by telling him that nothing had happened that would mar his betrothed wife's virginity (Matthew chapter 1)...or are these absolutely blasphemous thoughts yet another giddy draft from the wine cup of that great whore that makes many kings and nations drunk with the wine of her fornication, that treacherous harlot girlfriend of the devil -- MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, drunk herself with the blood of saints and martyrs (Revelation 17 and 18)?
- If Mary was the surrogate mother for the *Divine Mother* and *Helpmate* of the Heavenly Father...simply carrying the Divine Mother's already fertilized Seed in her womb till the baby Saviour was born...then the Saviour wasn't even half human...He wasn't like us at all...or was He? (Hint: ¹⁷ Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸ No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. ¹⁹ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. ²⁰ And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? ²¹ Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? ²² And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. ²³ And Yahshua walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be Messiah, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Yahshua answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. ²⁶ But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never

perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and [my] Father are one. ³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Yahshua answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. ³⁴ **Yahshua answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (from Psalm 82:6) ³⁵ If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; ³⁶ Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?** ³⁷ If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. ³⁸ But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father [is] in me, and I in him. ³⁹ Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand. John 10:17-39)

- If the Saviour came as a man just like one of us (i.e. all male)...then how could he say "How often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Luke 13:34,35)...and how could Sister White tell us that "Heaven stands indignant at the neglect shown to the souls of men. Would we know how the Saviour regards it? How would a *father* and *mother* feel, did they know that their child, lost in the cold and the snow, had been passed by, and left to perish, by those who might have saved it? Would they not be terribly grieved, wildly indignant? Would they not denounce those murderers with wrath hot as their tears, intense as their love? (DA 825...read the whole chapter -- it's marvelous!)...or did He, the second Adam, come as the first Adam came -- male and female in one being?
- What did the Saviour have at His birth in Bethlehem...which we receive in measure when we're adopted by the *Holy Spirit*, and in fullness when we're born again of the *Holy Spirit*...that empowered Him to successfully resist the devil throughout His entire life? (Hint: "The *Shekinah* had departed from the sanctuary, but in the Child of Bethlehem was veiled the *Glory* before which angels bow." DA 52; also, in Yahshua "are hidden all the treasures of *Wisdom* and knowledge" Colossians 2:3 and I Corinthians 1:24 and 30)
- Could the worries, inadequate diet, stress and tiredness of a woman with a baby in her womb have far more to do with the weaknesses and liabilities of the future child and adult than we have heretofore suspected...and could they help to explain how Yahshua was "tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)...and how He "accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin" and "accepted the results of the working of the great law of heredity." DA 49?
- If, as some teach, the *Holy Ghost* is simply the mind or energy of the Heavenly Father and the Son...why then did the Father have to send the *Spirit* (John 14:26)...and why did the Son have to go before the *Spirit* could come (John 16:7)...and why was the *Spirit* sent in the Son's name (John 14:26)...and why does Scripture tell us that the *Spirit* speaks not of Him (~~Her~~) *self* -- parenthesis supplied -- if the *Spirit* has no self... and why will all manner of sin and blasphemy against the Son be forgiven, but even speaking against the *Holy Ghost* will not be forgiven -- in this world or the world to come (Matthew 12:31,32)?
- If the *Holy Spirit* (*Wisdom*) is really the *Bride* of the Lamb, to be received by Him at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, which hasn't happened yet, how could we already be ~~Her~~ Children? (Hint: by adoption; Romans 8:14-18; "For as many as are led by the *Spirit of God*, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the *Spirit of adoption*, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The *Spirit* itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Yahshua; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." also see Ephesians 1:5, 6 and Galatians 4:1-7)
- Is it not extremely interesting to note... that in Hebrew thought form and idiom a city was a feminine entity represented by the queen of that city... and that a conqueror of a city would seal or finalize his conquest by marrying the queen of that city... and that before such a royal wedding were to take place, the queen would adopt many needy children as her own, knowing that after the marriage they would then become the children and responsibility of the conquering king?
- If the *Holy Ghost* is a real personal *Spiritual Being*...then how will each one of us receive the *Holy Ghost* in the *now*?

with experience? (Suggestion: could it be as each child in a family receives from his mother...but the mother still remains herself, a distinct and real person?)

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- When the Messiah on His cross said..."Father, into Thy hands I commend My *Spirit*" (Luke 24:46)...and His Being shone with *Heavenly Glory* like the sun (DA 756)...and He gave up the *Ghost* (Luke 24:46)...what (or *Who*) was it that He committed to His Father's care? (Hint: "The *Shekinah* had departed from the Sanctuary, but in the Child of Bethlehem was veiled the *Glory* before which angels bow." DA 52; also, study DA 756 and 757 and Luke 23:44-46 regarding the tearing of the veil of the temple, revealing an empty Most Holy place immediately after the Messiah commended His *Spirit* into His Father's care. The temple and its veil represented His body and flesh; John 2:19-21 and Hebrews 10:20.)
- When Habakkuk (chapter 3 verse 4, margin) tells us with prophetic vision that the Saviour "had *bright beams* coming out of His side: and there was the hiding of His *Power*"...was he telling us that bright light has saving, healing qualities...or is there a deeper meaning in his inspired commentary?
- When John, commenting on the Messiah's prophecy of *living waters* flowing from those who would believe on Him (John 7:37-39), stated that the *Holy Ghost* was not yet given because the Saviour was not yet glorified...was he telling us that the *Holy Ghost* could not be given till the Saviour was glorified (at His crucifixion : John 17)...because it was the separation/manifestation of His *Holy Ghost Helpmate*--His *Glory*--from Himself that constituted the reality of His glorification?
- When we are told that the *Holy Spirit* descended upon the Messiah in the form of a *dove* at His baptism (Matthew 3:16)...are we being given a key to help us understand *Who* was veiled in the form of a *dove* when *She* came to encourage *Her* Son in Gethsemane (DA 694,695)...and *Whose* Daughter was represented by the *live dove* allowed to fly free in the offering of the two turtledoves?
- How can the Messiah be both the Builder of the *Church* and its *Chief Cornerstone*...or is that *Chief Cornerstone* His *Second Self* the *Holy Ghost* (*Petra* in Matthew 16:18, which is the feminine form of the word for stone; also, note Psalm 144:12: "that our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace.")...and does He build His *Church* on *Her* as a husband builds his family on and around his wife?
- Was the Peter that the Messiah addressed as Satan in Matthew 16:23... the same Peter that the Messiah said He would build His church upon in Matthew 16:18... or was the Messiah in each of these circumstances really addressing the spirit being that Peter allowed himself to channel for -- Lucifer in verse 23, and the *Holy Spirit* in verse 18? (see DA pp. 413-14, 817; SR p. 287; AA pp. 194-195, 198-199)
- The Jews, who accepted one Almighty Divine Being -- Yahweh -- received their test when they were sent His Son... could our test be the reception of His *Daughter* (the *Daughter of Zion*, the *Daughter of Jerusalem*; Micah 4:8)?
- Is there any connection between the monthly cycles that govern the life of a woman... and the monthly cycles which govern the annual Sabbaths of the Hebrew economy... and the *Heavenly Woman* (*Zion*, *Jerusalem*) of whom a nation is born at once in Isaiah 66:5-16? (For a detailed study regarding the importance of the Biblical annual Sabbaths in our New Testament/New Covenant era, please call for your copy of *Food For Thought* Part 5, entitled "An Open Response to Ralph Larson's Questions to Adventist Feast Keepers")
- As the Jews formally and rigorously observed the weekly and annual Sabbaths but rejected and finally crucified the Heavenly King of the Sabbaths...could some now who observe the weekly and annual Sabbaths...grieve and reject the *Heavenly Queen* of the Sabbaths, through their scorn and ridicule of the message of the *Loud Cry* and *Latter Rain*...and fail to receive the cleansing and re-creating blessings of *Her Living Waters*?
- Is it not exceedingly strange that *Wisdom* speaks using the first person pronoun "I" in both Proverbs 8 and 9 in the Old Testament and in Luke 11:49 in the New Testament: "Therefore also said the *Wisdom* of Yahweh, *I* will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute"...if *Wisdom* is merely an ethereal intellectual quality?
- Could Scripture use language to veil a *Heavenly Woman* when it mentions...*glory* (*Gloria*), *faith*, *hope*, *mercy*, *joy*, *grace* (*Ann*), *prudence*, *pearl* (pearl-like: *Margaret*), *purity*, *charity*, *love*, *patience*, *temperance*, *life/living* (*Eve*), *holy* (*Helga*), *angelic* (*Angela*), *white robed*: Rev. 19:8 (*Blanche*), *heavenly* (*Edeste*), *bright* (*Clara*), *wisdom*

(feminine in Proverbs 8 and 9), truth...most of which have feminine connotation in current usage, most of which are used as names for women, and several of which are fruits of the *Spirit* (Galatians 5:22,23)?

- Could *El Shaddai* (translated "The Mighty Breasted One"), a Hebrew title for a *Divine Being*...help us to understand *Who* is really spoken of in Solomon's Song 8:8..."I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was *I* in his eyes as *One* that found favor"...and in Solomon's Song 6:9 as the "only *One* of her *Mother*...the choice *One* of *Her* that bare *Her*"?
- If the *Loud Cry* and the *Latter Rain* began as a message in 1888...do you think they may begin again as a message at the end of the age...that is, right now?
- Could it be that the Elijah message called for in Malachi 4:5, 6, which would turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers... would be a message about the one who stands between the father and his children -- the mother -- and the *One* in *Whose Image* that mother is created?
- When Sister White says...one theme will swallow up all others-- the Saviour and *His Righteousness* (SD 259)...could the expression "*His Righteousness*" (dictionary definition for righteousness: right and wise -- *wisdom* is feminine in Proverbs 8 and 9) veil a *Someone*...describe *More* than an ethereal spiritual quality?
- When Sister White told us about the *Angel of Mercy* folding *Her* golden wings and stepping down from *Her* golden throne (DA 578; 7A BC 989)...was she confused about the gender of that *Angel*...or did she know something that we have not understood?
- Was the feminine *Angel of Mercy* that Sister White wrote of ... the same *Being Who* rested on the Mercy Seat of the golden Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place of the wilderness tabernacle?
- When the High Priest Joshua, (who was a type of our antitypical High Priest Yahshua the Messiah: 4BC 1178), went before the *Angel of Mercy* to plead for mercy for the children of Israel as recorded in Zechariah 3, was that *Angel* the same feminine *Angel of Mercy* that Sister White mentioned in her writings...or does the gender of that *Angel* make any difference?
- When Sister White says that the Ark of the Covenant will be brought forth from its hiding place at the end of the age... could it be that the *Angel of Mercy*...the *Shekinah*... *Who* once rested on its Mercy Seat...will rest there once again?
- If the devil knows that his time is short (Revelation 12:12)...then why is he wasting his time creating and promoting feminine supernatural entities...Semiramis, the "Immaculate Virgin Mary" (with recent appearances at Fatima, Lourdes, etc.), pagan goddesses in all pagan religions, pantheistic "Mother Earth" for New Ager's, and Mrs. Santa Claus for the non-religious...when the Heavenly Family is all male...or is it...or is there any such thing as a family without a *mother*...or a father (Heavenly or otherwise) without a *mother*...or a king (Heavenly or otherwise) without a *queen*?
- When the pantheistic New Age environmental movement tells us that we must keep "Mother Earth" clean (i.e. don't pollute) or she will not be able to sustain our life...is it providing a carnal and counterfeit parallel to the *Inspired Commentary* in Rev. 19:8, which says that the righteousness of saints forms the fine, white and clean linen from which the *Bride's* wedding dress is made...and unless *She* has *Her* wedding dress, the wedding and marriage of the Lamb and *His Bride* will not proceed, and *She* will not be able to give new birth and newness of life to *Her* children? (Hint: "*Wisdom* is justified of *Her* children." Matthew 11:19)
- Since we read in Proverbs 3:18 that *Lady Wisdom* is a Tree of Life, should we then set up up trees in our houses (such as Christmas trees; see "The Case Against Christmas -- You Must Decide" by Jacob O. Meyer - order from Assemblies of Yahweh, P.O. Box C, Bethel, PA 19507) or use graven images of the female form (in two or three dimensions) to help others understand this beautiful truth... or should we learn from the experience of the ancient Israelites, who came to recognize that a member of Elohim, or deity, was feminine... but who then broke the second commandment by creating an image of this being and participating in tree grove worship, finally perfecting their idolatrous, apostate worship by patterning it after the Canaanite's worship of their fertility goddess Asherah... and receiving just rebuke and reward for their idolatry? (I Kings 16:33; II Kings 13:6, 18:4, 21:7, 23:4,6,7,15; also see *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*: articles "Asherah"; "Israel, religion of"; "Wisdom")
- Are the gay theologians right when they cite the all-male Father/Son Heavenly Family as the role model for their lifestyle...or is there *more* to the Family of Heaven than we have suspected? (hint: review Romans chapter 1, especially verse 20)

- Could what King James English refers to as the *Angel of the Lord* (Matt. 28:2) who resurrected the crucified Saviour...have anything to do with...the *Spirit* that was used to raise the Messiah from the dead, and *Who* will also quicken our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11)...the *Angel of the Lord* before whom the High Priest Joshua the son of Josedek pled for mercy on behalf of Israel, and *Who* took away his iniquity (blotted out his sins) and gave him glorious change of raiment (Zechariah 3:4)...the *Angel of Mercy* which Sister White says "folds *Her* golden wings"...the *Shekinah Glory* which rested on the Mercy Seat (PP 348, 349, 584)...the *Bride of the Lamb* -- the *New Jerusalem* (Revelation 21:2)... and *Her Mother* the *Jerusalem which is above*, which is the *Mother* of us all?
- Is there any connection between the cloven (dictionary definition: *divided in two*) tongues of fire that rested on the disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2:3) ...and the two Trees of Life -- joined at the top--in the New Jerusalem, from between which flow the *Living Waters* of the *River of Life* (EW 17; Ezekiel 47; Proverbs 3:18)... and the two streams (one of blood and the *other of water*) which flowed from the side of the smitten Messiah (*When Yahshua hung upon the cross, as the soldier pierced his side with a spear, there came out blood and water, in two distinct streams, one of blood and the other of clear water. The one of blood was to wash away the sins of those who should believe in his name. The water represents that living water which is obtained from Yahshua to give life to the believer. 1 SG 102, 103; also see Zechariah 13:1 - "a fountain for sin and for uncleanness"*)...and the offering of the two turtledoves...and the two goats in the Day of Atonement goat offering...and the resurrected Saviour and *Holy Ghost Comforter* sent in His Name (as the wife takes the name of her husband)?
- When Paul told us that our bodies, which are to be temples for the indwelling of the *Holy Ghost* (1 Corinthians 6:19), should be offered as *living sacrifices* (Romans 12:1)...was he drawing a comparison with the *living sacrifices* of the Hebrew economy (such as the *live turtledove* from the pair of turtledoves, and the *live scapegoat* from the pair of goats)...and *what* (or *Who*) these *live sacrifices* represented?
- When Isaiah tells us (in Isaiah 50:1) that our *Mother* was never given a bill of divorcement, but rather that *She* was put away for our transgressions...is he providing *Inspired Commentary* to help us understand the identity and role of the *Live Scapegoat*, which was laden with the sins of the people and then was put away into a desert wilderness, which was the territory of Azazel the evil spirit (The Cambridge Bible Dictionary)...as the *Holy Ghost* was put away to this earth -- the desert kingdom of the prince of darkness -- after the First Advent, to give us comfort and guidance?
- Could the example of our *Mother*, *Who* has chosen to stay at home here on this desert wilderness of Planet Earth, with *Her* suffering children, to give them guidance and comfort...have anything to say to the modern "liberated" mothers and wives, who insist on working and holding jobs outside the home, and who leave their children alone or in the hands of publican day care?
- If our *True Mother* (*Church*) was not divorced for *Her* transgressions, but was put away for our transgressions (Isaiah 50:1)...could it be that any mother (church) that is guilty of transgressions (false doctrines and sinful practices) herself -- is not a true mother (church) at all, but is rather a harlot mother (church) or daughter (church) ??
- Why did the *Spirit Who* inspires (or in-*Spirit*-s) prophets...stoop to use a woman...and a little Jewish woman, at that...Sister Ellen White...as a mouthpiece...or was something going on that we have not understood which would help us to explain why she became the most prolific inspired (in-*Spirit*-ed) writer in human history, bringing blessings and spiritual life from the dead through Israel to every nation, kindred, people and tongue? (study Romans 11 and Revelation 7 and 14 for amazing insights!)
- Does the fact that we are never to study the Word (John chapter 1) without prayer for the guidance of the *Holy Spirit*... show us that we need the spiritual strength of both our Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6) -- the Word, and of our *Spiritual Mother* -- the *Holy Ghost*...in order to be viable spiritual beings...that can one day inherit the kingdom of heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50)... and vanquish the evil one as our Saviour did when, filled with the *Spirit*, He overcame Satan with the Word -- "It is written"?
- When Yahshua the Messiah, *Who* is made unto us the *Wisdom* of Yahweh (1 Corinthians 1:30), counsels us that we are all brethren, and One is our Master, even the Messiah (Matthew 23:8-12)... would we not do very well to heed His counsel if we would wish to have the *Spirit of Wisdom* dwell in our soul temples (1 Corinthians 6:19)? (For a detailed study showing how this principle is disregarded and honored in the breach by some religious groups who call themselves (true spiritual!) Jews but are not (Revelation 2:9), call for your copy of *Food For Thought Part 3*)
- Could the feminist women's lib movement...be Satan's counterfeit (Sister White also tells us that those who align with the women's rights movement must separate from the Three Angels' Movement because they are totally incompatible!- 1T 457) for the true liberation of women (and men) brought about by the message of the *Latter Rain (Rain)* of the *Holy Ghost*?

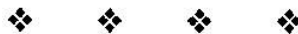
- When we read in Genesis 1:1, 2 that the *Spirit* of God moved upon the face of the waters when God created the earth, should it help us to understand better the identity of *Wisdom* who was by the Creator's side when He marked out the foundations of the earth? (Proverbs 8:22-31)
- Why did the Creators of this earth... Who began their week of creation work with the inanimate and carnal (dry land, light, etc.) and progressed upward through the week to finally conclude with the creation of the divine institution of the Sabbath... miss Their cue for Their assignment of the sixth day and create Eve after Adam, instead of before...or are we the ones who have missed our cue? (Hint: "We may safely say that the dignity and importance of woman's mission and distinctive duties are of a more sacred and holy character than the duties of man." 3T 565)
- As the wisdom of man vainly searches for the ultimate secret of energy and matter through the study of particle physics... could it be that *Inspiration* has already revealed the secret when it tells us that when the *Holy Ghost*, Who gave form, substance, and life to creation in the beginning (Genesis 1) was separated from the Messiah and the area of the cross...there was darkness, an earthquake which threw the dead from their tombs and the living together in heaps, and "creation seemed to be shivering to atoms." DA 756?
- Could it be our *Divine Mother Who*, at the end of the age, clothes us in the heavenly garments of *glory* which our first parents lost...just as our earthly mother clothes us as children with earthly clothes? (And grieve not the *Holy Spirit* of Yahweh, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4: 30)
- When John the Revelator tells us that the Mystery of Babylon the Great is represented by an impure harlot woman (Rev. 17)... could he be implying that the *Mystery* of Yahweh (Rev. 10:7) which will be finished or revealed is a *Pure Heavenly Woman*...and is it imperative that we know and understand the *One Who* is the *Mystery* of Yahweh, particularly when we are informed (by the Cambridge Bible Dictionary) that in the New Testament "the word mystery denotes a spiritual truth which was once hidden, but now is revealed, and which, without special revelation, would have remained unknown. It is generally used along with words denoting revelation or publication, and the modern meaning of something incomprehensible forms no part of the significance of the word as it occurs in the New Testament." (Also, see Luke 8:10 -- we are to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of Yahweh.)
- If the French Revolution, which Sister White tells us was the devil's rehearsal for the end of the age, climaxed with the idolatrous worship of the female form and image in the person of a profligate dancing girl (GC 265-288)...could it be that the constant visual diet of images of unclad women fed to us by the print and electronic media has been custom-ordered by the devil himself to induce mankind to grieve away and commit the unpardonable sin against the *Holy Ghost*...in whose image womankind was created?
- Are the Catholics right when they teach that the *Mother* of the Saviour was sinless (the *Immaculate Conception*), that *She* was the "*Mother* of God" as well as the "*Mother* of men," that we must teach our children to respect and honor *Her* (and never to hate and scorn *Her*!), and that we must never outrage *Her* in *Her* holy images (Note: the Jesuit Order is responsible for much of the pornography that is rotting our country today! -- Alberto Rivera) and that to scorn or neglect the intercession of *Her Immaculate Heart* is the unpardonable sin which particularly wounds our Saviour's heart, and for which He no longer finds in Himself any inclination to forgive. (all quoted from the *Fatima Crusader* "Special Edition" 1993, pp. 57-58 -- from the Servants of Jesus and Mary, Constable, N.Y.)...but are they **WRONG** when they tell us that Mary was His Mother...and is the Catholic "Immaculate Virgin Mary" the GREATEST RELIGIOUS DECEPTION of ALL TIME!...Satan's counterfeit for the *Holy Spirits* -- both the *Heavenly Mother* and the *Heavenly Daughter*-- the *Shekinah Glory*, *Yahshuah* (the feminine form of the Saviour's Sacred Name)?
- Does the 5th commandment..."Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which Yahweh thy Almighty giveth thee"...occur at the point of transition between those commandments which outline our relationship to the Almighty, and those which outline our relationship to humanity...to indicate that it actually belongs with both groups of commandments... and does that promise offer anything to those who wish for eternally long days -- "for there shall be no night there" Revelation 21:25; also, see Proverbs 3:16 -- in the land that the Almighty gives them -- "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Revelation 21:1?
- When Sister White says that the experience of Joshua and the *Angel* "applies with peculiar force to the experience of Yahweh's people in the closing up of the great Day of Atonement" (5T 472)...does she imply that the *Shekinah*, or *Angel of Mercy*, gives *mercy* and *glorious change of raiment* to the Israel of the final generation? (Hint: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a

mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump...I Corinthians 15:50-52...please read the entire chapter for a great blessing!)

- If we should feel our great need of *Heavenly Wisdom* and ask the Heavenly Father for it in earnest prayer, would it not then be a very good idea to get off our knees and follow the divinely-revealed and ordained path to *Wisdom's* seven-pillared house? (see Proverbs 9; Deuteronomy 4:5,6; Psalm 1:1-3; Malachi 4:4; Matthew 5:17-19; Luke 24:44; Proverbs 1:8; Acts 5:32)



Weary pilgrims working in right lines have made intercession for the revelation of the *Holy Spirit* (8T 251), and as that revelation of *Her* and the *Wonderful Healing Graces of Her Living Waters* has come, their weariness has been replaced by overflowing joy! (John 7:37-39, Isaiah 58:11). However, there is nothing Satan fears so much as the outpouring of the Saviour's *Holy Spirit* (MYP 133), and the dragon is wroth with the *Woman*, and is going forth to make war with the remnant of *Her* seed (Rev. 12:17). If you should elect to uphold *Her* honour (by yielding the fruits of the *Spirit* -- Galatians 5:22,23 -- and acknowledging *Her* personally) and if you should wish to help *Her* Daughter the *Holy Ghost* acquire the fine, clean and white linen *She* needs for *Her* wedding dress (Rev. 19: 7-9; also, "*Wisdom* is justified of *Her* children." Matthew 11:19) -- so the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the greatest family reunion of all time, can take place -- you must be prepared to receive the full wrath of the dragon -- ALL OUT, NO HOLDS BARRED WAR! Your presence on the battlefield would be a hindrance rather than a help unless you have obtained and learned how to use all the weapons described in Ephesians 6:10-18 and I Thessalonians 5:8, so please be prepared for the battle. Note that no carnal weapons are included in this armory, and none are useful in this warfare: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my *Spirit*, saith Yahweh of Hosts" (Zechariah 4:6; also, II Corinthians 10:3-5). May we all meet together at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and His *Bride* is our prayer.



It is my wish, as the author of this thought paper, that it may cause many to dig more deeply into the precious truths of Scripture, to see if indeed their faith is established upon a firm foundation. While grateful acknowledgement is made for the help of many others (including my son Joshua on the computer), and of the *Holy Spirit Herself*, in the development of this study, I would ask the reader to recognize that the concept selection and choice of language used are my own, and should not be assumed to exactly express the views of anyone other than myself.

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The Spirit and the Bride say "Come"