

436 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md., June 25, 1940.

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Dear Brother McElhany:

What a comfort Daniel 2:43,44,45 is in the present terrible world situation, and also the promise in Rev. 11:18 that He will "destroy" the destroyer. We never needed the book "Daniel and the Revelation" so much as today. And the same man who has almost destroyed the book "Daniel and the Revelation" has almost destroyed the book "Great Controversy," by throwing doubts on it. More and more I believe that it was right that I should answer Prescott's sermon on the Trinity and review his 40 years of destructive doubt breeding criticism. You know one of the chief objections he makes against the book, "Daniel and the Revelation," is that it teaches Arianism, and our old pioneers were Arians, but that He is a Trinitarian. And he seems to feel just the same intolerant spirit toward those who do not see the Trinity as he sees it as the old Catholic church felt toward Arius and his followers. I think it is wicked to say that Daniel and the Revelation is Arian and that Sister White, Elders White, Andrews, Bates, Loughborough, Haskell, etc. were Arians. They certainly were not.

I have heard from several sources that at the Theological Seminary it was stated publicly that Sister White was a Unitarian in the early part of her work but later had become a Trinitarian. That seems to me to be a double falsehood. Sister White never was a Unitarian, and has never become a Trinitarian. It seems wonderful to me that when we consider how many times Sister White wrote about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, never in all the thousands of pages she wrote did she ever even once mention the word "Trinity." The Lord must have guarded her from using that word. Some tell me that we as a people believe in the Trinity in some form. I do not believe that there is a modified Adventist belief in the Trinity any more than a modified Adventist belief in Purgatory. Of course Prescott and his followers have tried for years to make us Catholics on the Trinity. But as you and I have both seen, the Spirit of Prophecy is squarely against the Trinity doctrine, as much as it is against Purgatory. I hope that those in charge of the Theological Seminary will see that such teaching never again will come from the Theological Seminary. I believe that the Theological Seminary can be made a great blessing, but if Prescott's teaching is found there it will destroy it.

May the blessed Lord guide you in these tremendous days, and make you a tower of strength, to His people.
Psalm 46, Psalm 91. Ps. 55:22.

Praying God's wisdom and power to be with you,
I am your brother in the "Blessed Hope,"

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