

The Spirit of God

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- v. 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: Zechariah 4:2-6



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- v. 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. v. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4:2-6



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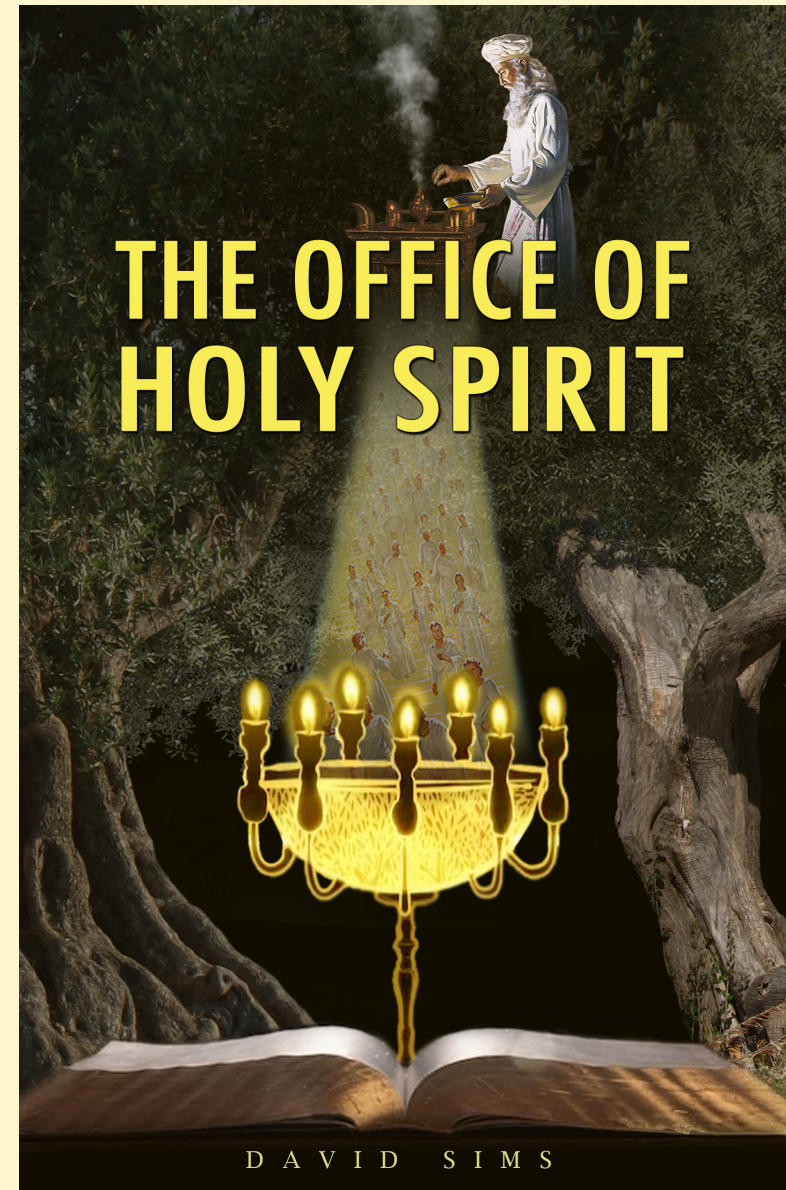
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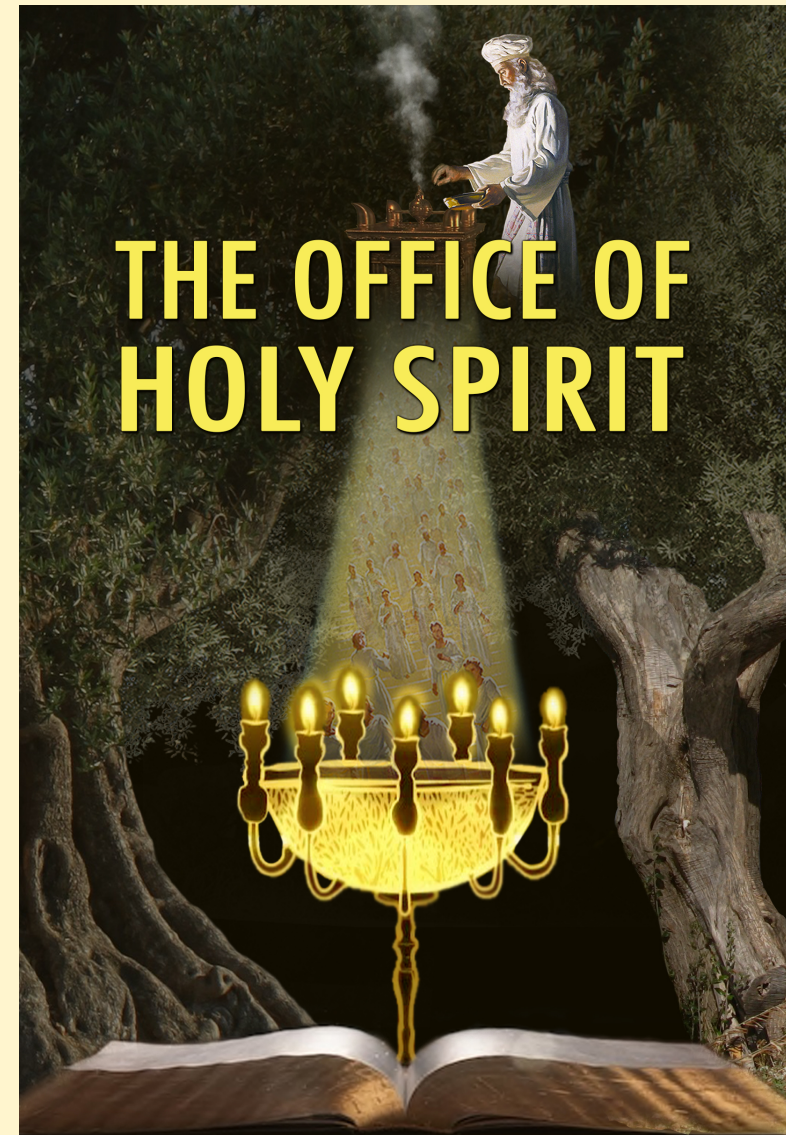
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What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive-branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 5}



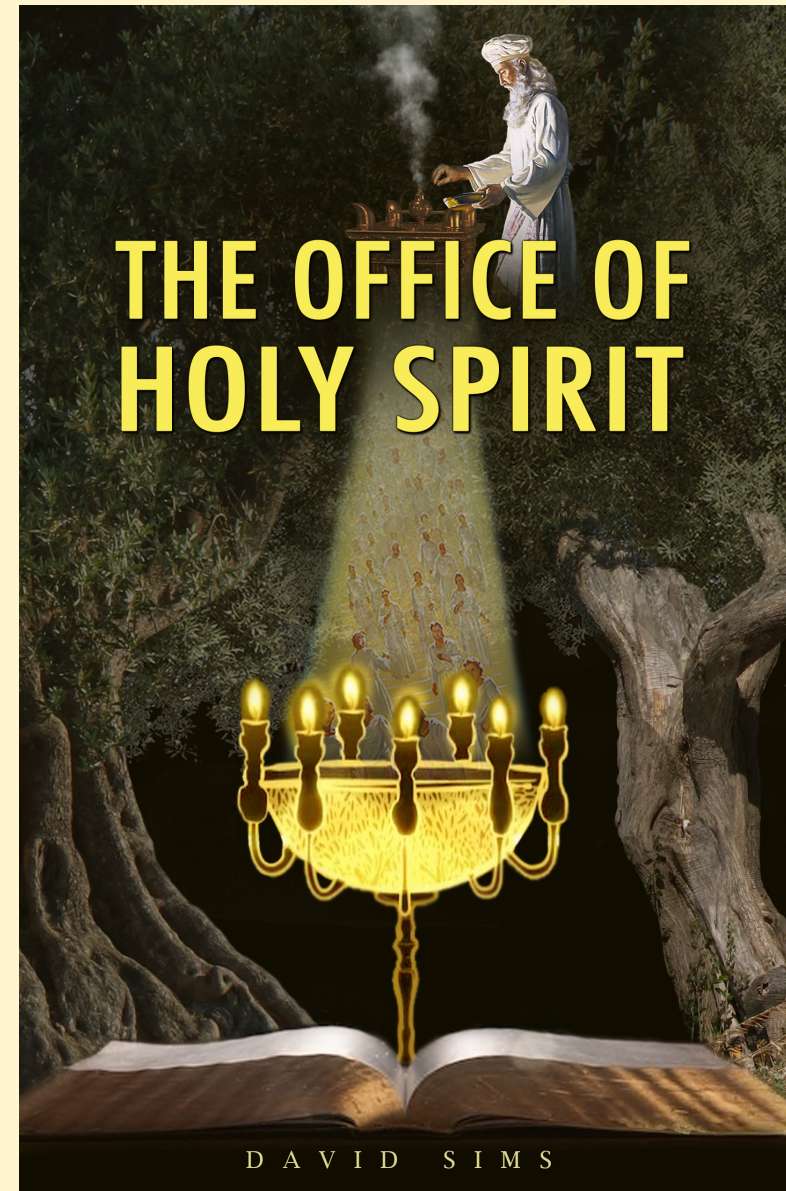
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The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6}



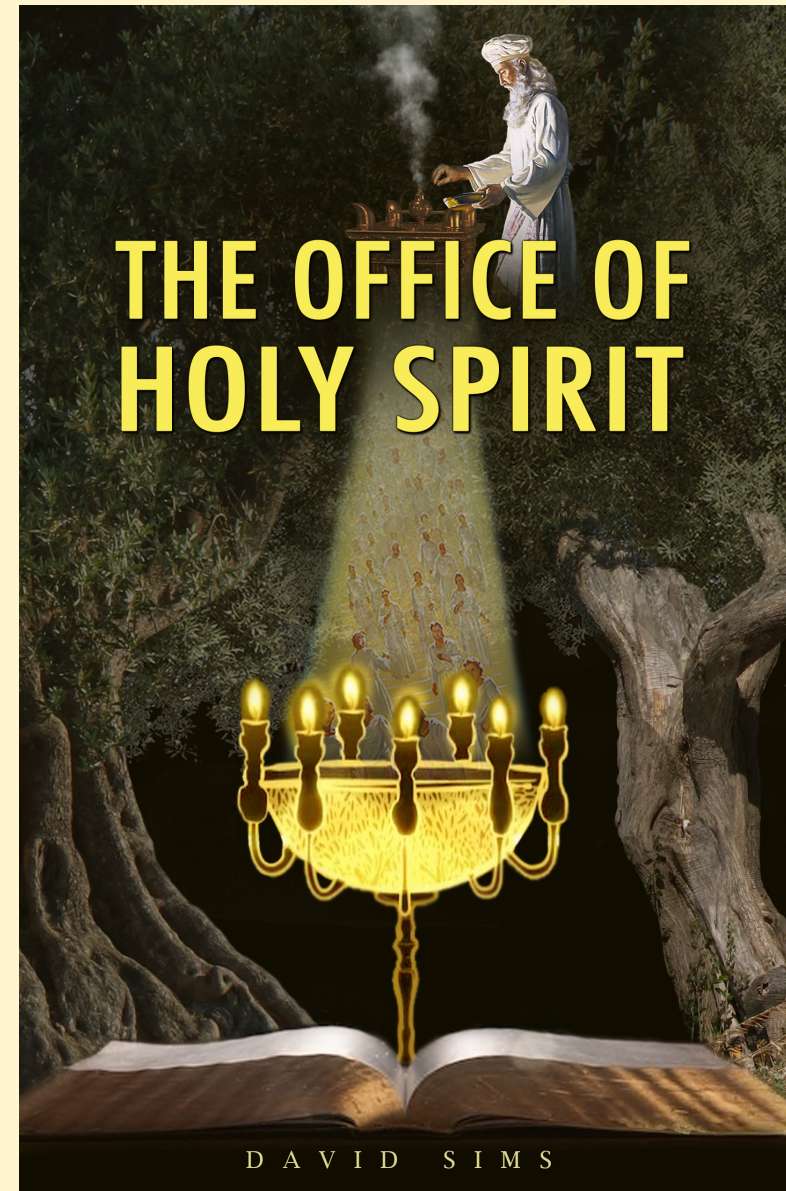
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God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 7}



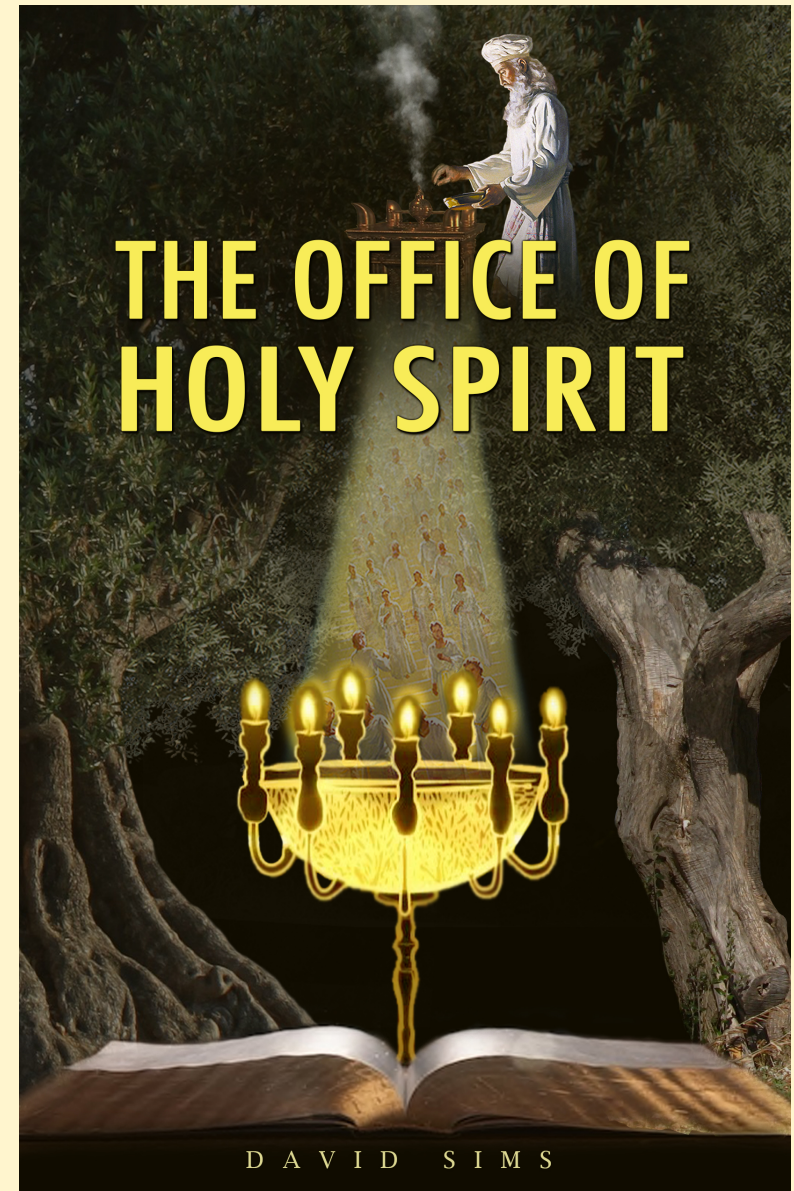
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- Olive Trees – Angels
- Golden Oil – “Messages of God’s Spirit,” communications which he sends us,”



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And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. (1 Kings 6:23, KJV)



We are Bidden to Abide in Him

- John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Abiding – Physically or Spiritually?

Christ and His Father are not one being, but one (united) in nature, character and mind.

- John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that **they may be one, even as we are one:**
- John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Being united, thinking alike, is the result of abiding in Him

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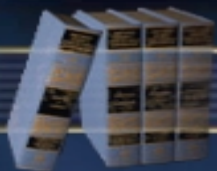
We dwell in Him and He in us by
“eating His flesh and drinking His blood

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my
blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

We receive the flesh and blood (the life) of Christ through receiving his words

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words** that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are life.

Through His word we become one with Him



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And how much more are Christ's words true of our spiritual nature. He declares, "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life." It is by receiving the life for us poured out on Calvary's cross, that we can live the life of holiness. DA 660.4



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[cont. from previous] And **this life we receive by receiving His word**, by doing those things which He has commanded. Thus we become one with Him. “He that eateth My flesh,” He says, “and drinketh My blood, **dwelleth in Me, and I in him**. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.” John 6:54, 56, 57. - DA 660.4

He abides in us through His word

“If ye abide in me, and *my words abide in you . . .*”
John 15:7.

The Word of Christ to abide in us richly

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3:16.

The Word of Christ to abide in us richly

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and
thou renewest the face of the earth.

(Psalms 104:30)

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made;
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

(Psalms 33:6)

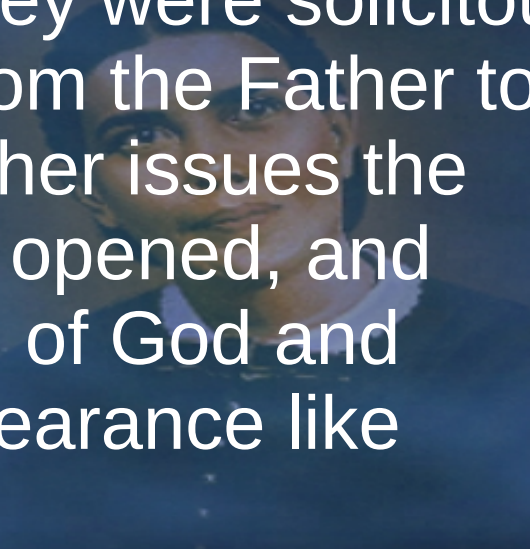
The Spirit = Spirit of God = Holy Spirit

- “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:” (Mt 3:16)
“And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:” (Mr 1:10)
- “And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” (Lu 3:22)

The Holy Spirit = Beams of Glory



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Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at his baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from the Father to his Son. But, no! direct from the Father issues the light of his glory. The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold.

Partaking of the Divine Nature

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4.

Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. {DA 671}

How God Pours His Spirit Upon Us

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my **spirit** unto you, I will make known my **words** unto you. Proverbs 1:23.

Words are the Expression of the Mind

“... out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.” Matthew 12:34

We are to Have His Mind/Thoughts

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5.

The Spirit = the Mind

Who hath directed the **Spirit** of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? Isaiah 40:13.

For who hath known the **mind** of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Romans 11:34.

An ancient Egyptian painting depicting a Pharaoh seated on an ornate golden throne. The Pharaoh is wearing a white and red headdress and a white robe with a colorful collar. He is holding a black and white striped staff. To his left, a woman in a white dress and a man in a white dress are standing. To his right, a large falcon with a human face is perched on a pole. The background features a blue and white striped pattern and a red wall. The overall scene is set in a palace or a temple.

Pharaoh's Spirit was his mind

Gen 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that his **spirit** was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Moses' Spirit was His Mind

They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked **his spirit**, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. Psalm 106: 32, 33.

Nebuchadnezzar's Spirit was his mind

- Dan 2:3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my **spirit** was troubled to know the dream.

Spirit of God is Related to God as the Spirit of man is Related to Man

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:11.

We receive Christ in receiving His Word



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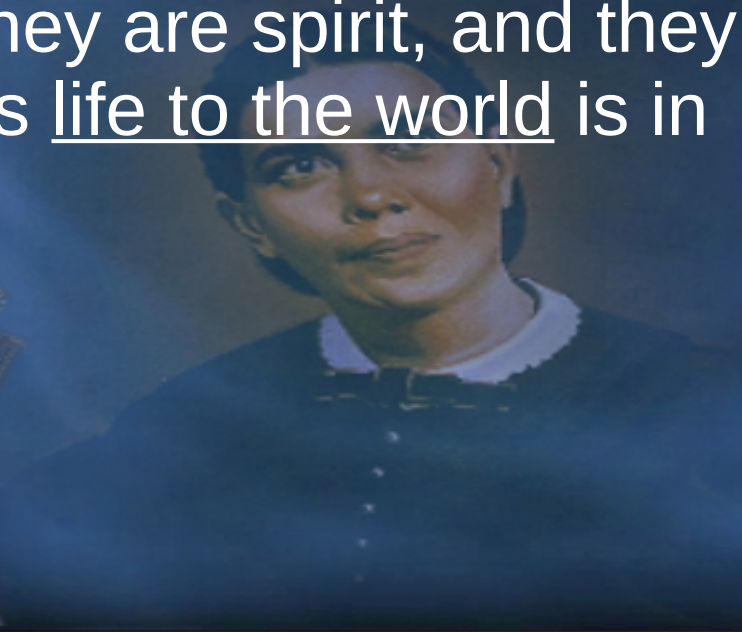
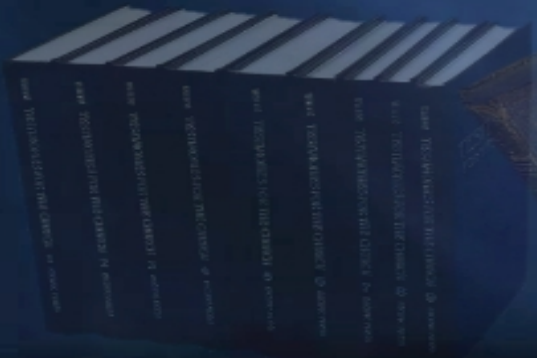
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“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His Word.” DA 390.



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“It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The **words** of Christ are **spirit** and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live “*by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*” Matt. 4:4. The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.” DA 677.

Christ in us = the Spirit in us

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit** in the inner man; that **Christ may dwell** in your hearts by faith . . . Ephesians 3:16-17

Spirit = non bodily presence of God or Christ

- Ps 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy **spirit**? or whither shall I flee from thy **presence**?
- Ps 51:11 Cast me not away from thy **presence**; and take not thy holy **spirit** from me.

Christ can see and hear and act in spirit,
while physically at a distance.

- Ps 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
thou understandest my thought afar off.

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ



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“They have one God and one Saviour, and one Spirit – **the Spirit of Christ.**” 9T 189

“The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.” DA 805.3.

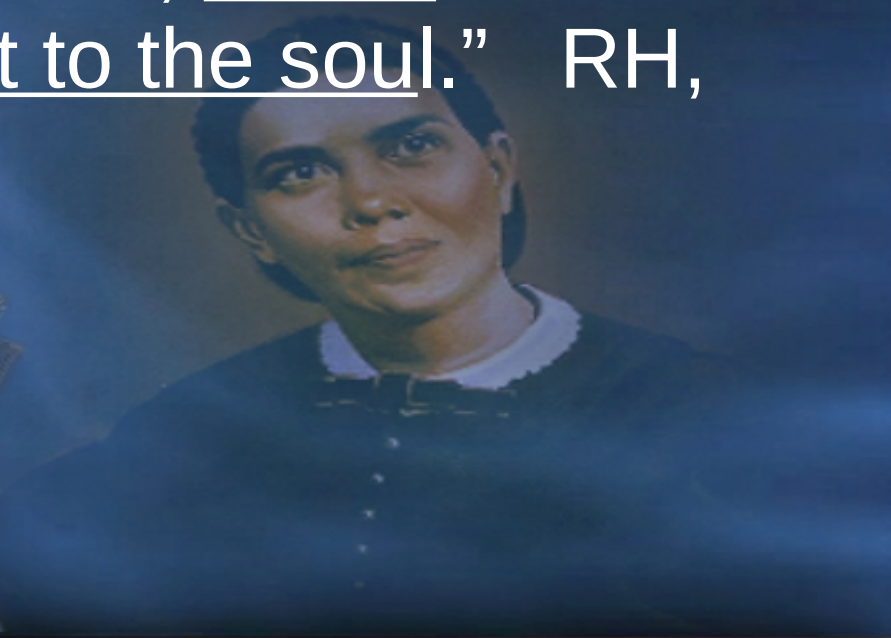


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“The holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.” RH, November 29, 1892 par. 3.

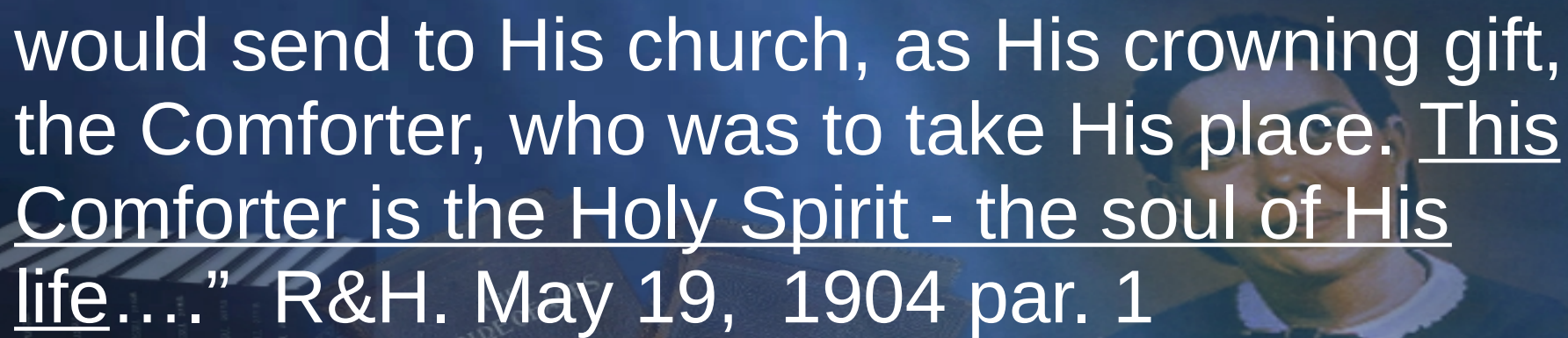


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“Christ declared that after His ascension, He would send to His church, as His crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take His place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit - the soul of His life....” R&H. May 19, 1904 par. 1

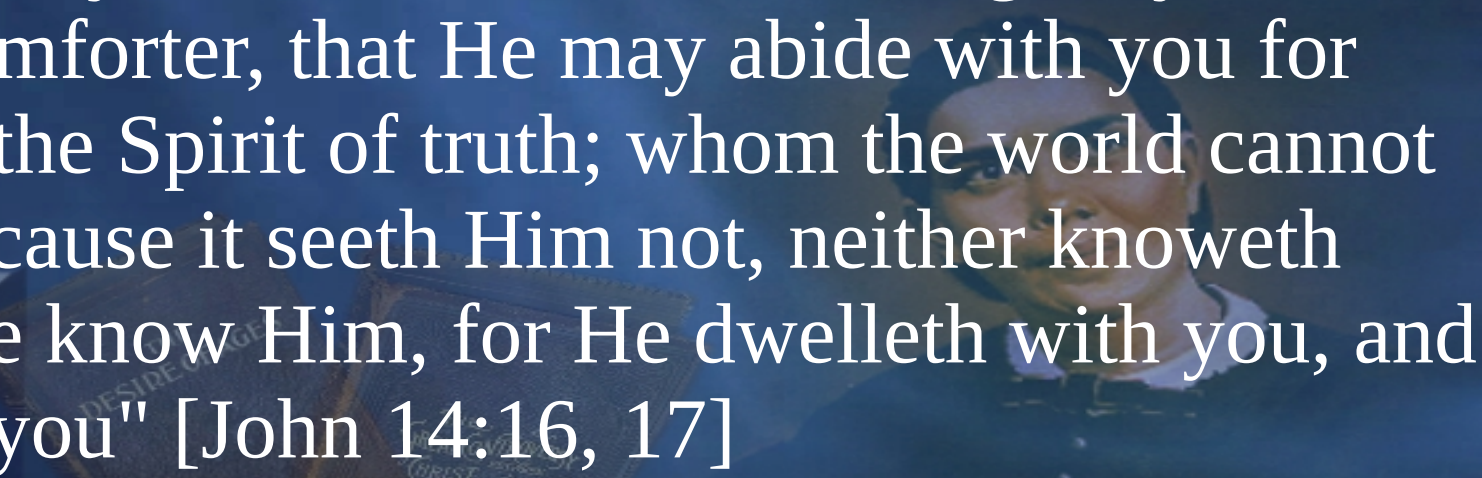


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“... "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" [John 14:16, 17]



Holy Spirit is the omnipresence of Spirit of Christ



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This refers to the **omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter**. Again Jesus says, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth" [John 16:12, 13]. {14MR 179.2}

Christ Abides in Us Through His Word



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“God himself speaks to the believing, trusting soul; for **God's Spirit is in his word**,... It is thus that the believer eats of Christ, the Bread of Life. Truth is seen in a new light, and the soul rejoices as in the visible presence of Christ. {ST, October 10, 1895 par. 9}

7 Spirits

- And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (Revelation of John 5:6, KJV)

7 Spirits

- And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. (Revelation of John 4:5)
- And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. (Revelation of John 4:8)

7 Spirits

- And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
- 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

The Human Agent

- As Christ is the divine channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are the channel for the revelation of Christ. While our Saviour is the great source of illumination, forget not, O Christian, that He is revealed through humanity. Every individual disciple is Heaven's appointed channel for the revelation of God to man. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish. Shall the human agent fail of accomplishing his appointed work? O, then to that degree is the world robbed of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit. {ST, May 18, 1904 par. 6}

We have our part to play

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:7, 8

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Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5.

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And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.** Philippians 4:7-8