

Unity: at What Cost?

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Sources

- Bible
- Ellen White
- Web sites: (Tony Palmer, Pope Francis)
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Unity: How Important?

- “They shall be one” Gen. 2:24
- “Our God is one” Deut. 6:4
- “How good ... together in unity” Ps. 133:1
- “that they may be one” John 17:11, 21, 22
- “made both one” Eph. 2:13-16
- “keep the unity ... one body” Eph. 4:3, 4

8 Principles

- Love
- Brothers
- Division
- Spirit
- History
- Trajectory
- Elijah
- Reformation

Consider the genuine, and some counterfeits.

1: Love

- Unity possible only with self-sacrificing love
- First and great commandment + second; Matt. 22:36-40
- Love believes all things; 1 Cor. 13:7; fulfills the law; Rom. 13:10
- Faith works by love; Gal. 5:6; establishes the law; Rom. 3:31
- John 17: connected to name, glory, truth

Character

Counterfeit 1: Love

- Appeal to love at expense of name (character) which is true glory
- Glory is “presence” disconnected with Bible doctrine, which allows for defaming and blaspheming God’s character by false doctrine (such as the presence in the eucharist, in relics, in mystical practices).
- Connects with mysticism, pantheism, spiritualism.

1: Love

Strong's #1319, 1322

- Defined, detailed by doctrines; teach us about God

Genuine	Counterfeit
Jesus'; Matt. 7:28; 22:33; John 7:16, 17; apostles; Acts 2:42	of men; Matt. 15:9; Col. 2:22
divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine; Rom. 16:17	of the Pharisees, Sadducees; Matt. 16:12
sound; 2 Tim. 4:3; Tit. 1:9; 2:1	of devils; 1 Tim. 4:1
take heed, continue in, save thyself and them that hear; 1 Tim. 4:16	divers and strange; Heb. 13:9
bring not this doctrine: receive him not; 2 John 10	of the Nicolaitans; Rev. 2:15, 24

Strong's #4105, 4106 Deceive

2: Brothers

- This speaks of equality.
- Disciples' struggle, versus self-exaltation, to Acts 2
- Jesus' definition Matt. 12:47ff
- Story of "brother" Judas who became "betraye" = "son of perdition" (John 17:12)

**See counsel to GC 1895 (TM 362.1),
versus "track of Romanism" (362.2)**

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Counterfeit

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Do you promise loyalty to me
and to my successor?

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- Claim infallibility, exclusive source of grace, necessity of human mediators, right to change laws
- Repeating path of Judas; reason 2 Thes. 2:3 repeats “son of perdition”

3: Division

- Divide on principle: Jesus' relating to, warning, rebuking the disciples' confusion, especially Judas
- Jesus' rejection of false doctrine; especially warning of end-time deception; Matt. 24 x3; 2 Tim. 3; to end of Revelation
- Not divisive spirit: Jesus' relating to Judas, the Pharisees Simon and Nicodemus, the Samaritans
- Jesus is head of human race; submit to headship; back to Gen. 1 & 2

Counterfeit 3: Division

- Accusation of “spiritual racism” = rejection of 2 Cor. 6:17: “be ye separate”
- Leave doctrines for heaven = leaves one to be deceived (epistles of John, Peter, James all warn)
- Push “the cross” for unity while rejecting the doctrines that flow to and from the cross; mask the elevation of a human being
- Confess “all sinned” but maintain infallibility; “nostalgia” not back to Gen. 1 & 2

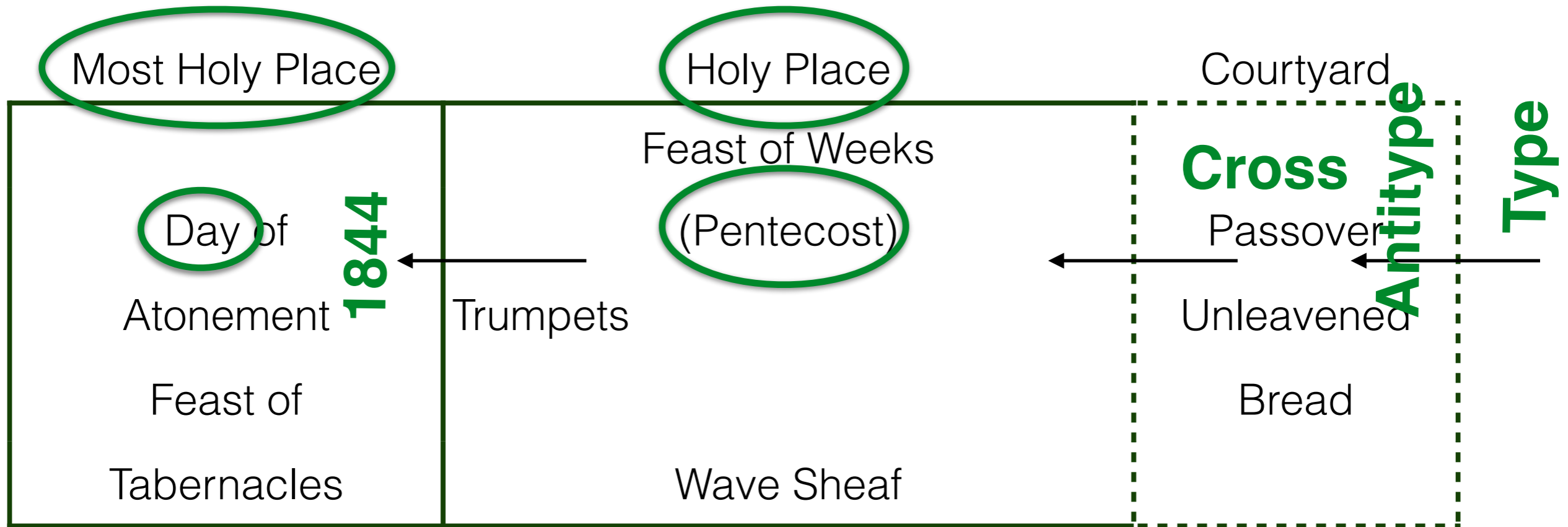
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- Follow the blood of the covenant (Heb. 9:14; 10:29; check Hebrews on Strong's #4151)

- Genuine along the way; trajectory to Most Holy

See “The Romanism Within” blog: www.LightBearers.org

- Only freedom from flesh is genuine Spirit (Rom. 8)
All have the flesh!

Counterfeit 4: Spirit

- Fail to test the spirits (1 John 4); claim the “tidal wave” is the ecumenical movement

See EW 54-56

- Those who resist the conviction and movement of the Spirit encounter counterfeit experiences/spirits; what is called “spiritual ecumenism” will be seen to be a form of spiritualism (not genuine Spirit).

For more information, see:

“Romanism the Religion of Human Nature”

ST February 19, 1894;

**PBS Frontline Documentary, “Secrets of the Vatican”
February 25, 2014.**

5: History

- Vital to know the Bible/Hebrew view of history and prophecy (history before fulfilled)
- Your history is your identity
- Essential part of end-time judgment (Dan. 7; Rev. 20); open the books
- Make the connections (lack of connections = Alzheimers; corporate); see Matt. 23, Acts 7, 1 Cor. 10, Heb. 11

Counterfeit 5: History

- Revisionism: retell/spin/warp history for self-exaltation
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**See Benedict XVI's speech at Regensburg:
[www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2006/
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- Forget the “natural olive tree” of Rom. 11; Hebrew roots
- Ignore the division caused by falling away in early centuries

6: Trajectory

- Anchored in Gen. 1 & 2
- Forward into Most Holy Place
- Will surprise you (like disciples in Luke 24)
- This is the future; this is reality

Counterfeit 6: Trajectory

- Emergents: charismatic, contemplative
- Rooted in philosophy of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (Jesuit paleontologist and geologist)
See John Markovic 6-part series: www.GYCweb.org
- Mystical spirits guiding; not call to Rome (home), just will “meet in the middle” = de Chardin’s “Omega” point
- Claim all else are out of sync with reality

7: Elijah

- Message: reconcile, root repentance; Matt. 3:7-10
- Prepare for Spirit's outpouring, judgment fire (all stages of final judgment); Matt. 3:11, 12
- Restoration of all lost truth, genuine gospel, covenant; Matt. 17:10-13; Luke 1:72, 73; 7:29, 30
- Behold the Lamb; John 1:29; follow Him, messages; Rev. 14; + Laodicea + 5 wise virgins + friend of the bridegroom + mount Megiddo

Counterfeit 7: Elijah

- Like union of Pharisees and Sadducees
- Misapply Elijah: like James and John: fire from heaven (see Rev. 13:13)
- Promote an eclectic movement like Ahab, the one Elijah confronted; will accuse the true Elijah as the troubler (scapegoating); 1 Kings 18:17; but will themselves be the troublers in "forsaking the commandments of Yahweh" and following false gods; 18:18

8: Reformation

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See John Adams' "Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law"

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- Everlasting gospel has a judgment application (Rev 14:6, 7), based on free divine grace with no need of human / church mediation or sacraments

Counterfeit

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- Claim protest is over due to simplistic view of reformation
- Also inadequate understanding of history and prophecy
- Also fuzzy definitions of grace, faith, merit

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“It is a great honor. I’m a great admirer. Thank you so much for receiving me.”

Secretary of State John Kerry echoed the phrase for himself—“a great admirer.”

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- “Whole world ... gather” Rev. 16:14

Which will you choose?