

# IS THE HOLY SPIRIT "ELECTRICITY"?

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## INTRODUCTION

**"It will occur to every reflecting mind that if this spirit is an actual element in universal creation, its presence ought to be detected in the course of the extensive and relentless researches now and for many years going on into the secrets of nature, in the laboratory of the experimental chemist. It may shock the current theological mind to suggest so intimate a relation between Deity and His works. But the higher forms of intelligence cannot exclude the perception that if God has evolved the material universe out of His own energy, and sustains and controls it by His power, that energy cannot be a nullity, but must be an actually present force in the economy of things.**

**Now, it is a fact that in our day, there has been discovered a subtle, unanalysable, incomprehensible principle, which, though inscrutable in essence, is found to be the basis of all the phenomena of nature - itself eluding the test of chemistry or the deductions of philosophy. Scientists have called it ELECTRICITY. This is everywhere, and is the foundation of all organisation, in fact, of all substance, whether organised or unorganised. MATTER in every form is but a combination of grosser elements held together by electricity. Electricity governs the laws of an animal's life and a planet's motion - omnipotent under the hand of intelligence to destroy or build up.**

**What is this? The name "Electricity" tells nothing; that really means "amber-city" (*electron* being the Greek word for amber), and was adopted as the name of the inscrutable element from the friction of amber. Could a better name be devised than what the Scriptures have given it - SPIRIT? It is one of the highest proofs of the truth of Jewish revelation, that its disclosure of the Deity in His relation to the universe coincides with the facts brought to light by the researches of the human intellect in the field of nature...**

**Spirit concentrated under the Almighty's will, becomes Holy Spirit, as distinct form spirit in its free, spontaneous form." - ( "*Christendom Astray*" Pg 143-145)**

Please forgive the verbosity in the above quotation, its purpose is to give you an understanding of the Christadelphian theology of the Holy Spirit. In a nutshell Christadelphians believe that there is an all pervading force that permeates all of creation, this force is "electricity" or, according to the above it is also known as "spirit". God used it to initiate Creation and He still

uses it to hold all of the Creation together. When used by God this "spirit" becomes "Holy Spirit". The purpose of this study is to see whether the "Holy Spirit" is an impersonal force or whether the "Holy Spirit" is actually a person.

## PERSONAL PRONOUNS USED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Time and again we see in the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit is referred to as He, Him, etc. :

**But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"- Jn 15:26**  
(Emphasis mine)

**Jn. 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send *him* unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (Emphasis mine)**

**Jn. 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.**

**14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you."**  
(Emphasis mine)

In the above Scriptures Jesus is telling His disciples about the Holy Spirit who was to come in His place. If the Holy Spirit was merely a force why did not Jesus use the terms "it, itself" when referring to the Holy Spirit? It is because the Holy Spirit is a person! The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity!!

## THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS EMOTION

An impersonal force like "electricity" does not show emotion, but time and again throughout Scripture we see the Holy Spirit experiencing emotion:

**And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**  
- Eph. 4:30 (Emphasis mine)

**For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; - Acts 15:28 (Emphasis mine)**

**Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. - Acts 7:51 (Emphasis mine)**

These are just a few Scriptures that prove that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but is rather a personal being who experiences emotions: grief, joy, etc. and longs for us to fellowship with Him:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.- 2 Corin. 13:14 (Emphasis mine)**

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

As discussed above a mere force cannot experience emotion, yet the Holy Spirit! Nor can a force speak, hear, teach or lead, yet the Holy Spirit does all these:

**Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. - Jn. 16:13 (Emphasis mine)**

**Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; - 1 Tim. 4:1 (Emphasis mine)**

**But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. - 1 Jn. 2:27(Emphasis mine)**

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. - Rom. 8:14 (Emphasis mine)**

**But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. - Gal. 5:18 (Emphasis mine)**

So we see that not only does the Holy Spirit show emotion, he also speaks, hears, etc. Therefore the Holy Spirit is not an "electrical" force but is rather a person.

### **AN ILLOGICAL CONCLUSION: GOD MUST BE ELECTRICITY**

In the above quotation at the beginning of this study we see that the Christadelphians teach that "electricity" can also be called "spirit". If this is so then God must be "electricity"!

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. - Jn 4:24 (Emphasis mine)**

I'm sure that the Christadelphians would raise an objection to the above, yet their theology

lends itself to such a blasphemous conclusion!!

## **CONCLUSION**

We have seen that Christadelphians believe that the Holy Spirit is the impersonal force of "Electricity". Such a view is at odds with the Bible which clearly teaches that the Holy Spirit is a person who experiences love, joy, grief, etc. The Holy Spirit also can speak, hear, teach and lead believers and He desires for us to commune with Him, one cannot commune with an impersonal force!!



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