

## **OUTLINE OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS PRESENTED IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

1. **The Holy Spirit in Creation** - Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Job 33:4; Psalms 104:30.
2. **The Holy Spirit in Striving with mankind** - Genesis 6:3; Isaiah 63:10; Acts 7:51.
3. **The Holy Spirit Indwelling men** - Genesis 41:38; Num. 27:18; Dan. 4:8; Ps. 51:11.
4. **The Holy Spirit Empowering men** - Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25, etc.
5. **The Holy Spirit Enlightening men** - Job 32:8; Proverbs 1:23; Nehemiah 9:20.
6. **The Holy Spirit Transporting men** - Ezekiel 3:12,14; I Kings 8:12; II Kings 2:16.
7. **The Holy Spirit Inspiring men** - II Sam.23:2; II Chron.24:20; Exo. 31:3; Neh. 11:17.
8. **The Holy Spirit Promised for the Kingdom and Instrumental in the New Birth for those of the Kingdom Era.** - Isa. 32:13-15; 44:1-4; Ezek. 36:25-27; 37:14; 39:27-29; Joel 2:28,29.
9. **The Holy Spirit Prophesying** - I Samuel 19:20; Numbers 24:2; I Sam. 11:6.
10. **The Holy Spirit Manifest in Heaven** - Ezekiel 1:12,20; 2:2; 3:12,14.

In summary: in all these occasions the Holy Spirit demonstrates the attributes of **personality** by - Creative Power; Emotion or sensibility; Intelligence; Will; Wisdom; Knowledge; Skill; Enthusiasm; Animation; Purpose; Blessings; and Godliness.

From **the Jewish Encyclopedia**, under "Ru'AH HA-KODESH," though they reject the Christian teaching of the Trinity, yet they also acknowledge the Hebrew contributions to the Christian idea of the "Divine Personality" of the Holy Spirit.

They explain that in the Hebrew Scriptures the subject of the Holy Spirit becomes "problematical when it is **hypostatized** (made as a distinct person), or used as a **synonym for God.**" They further explain that the great Jewish philosopher Philo clearly understood and taught that, "**The Divine Spirit is a separate spiritual entity- a 'unique corporal soul'** whose function is to act as an intermediary of Divine communication to man." "**While unique, it is of the same nature as the incorporeal soul of men or as the angels, which are unembodied souls.**"

The Encyclopedia further states, "The concept of the Divine Spirit in the Dead Sea Scrolls is similar to that of Philo, insofar as it (the Holy Spirit) is regarded as a spirit that 'comes upon' man or 'speaks' to him. **The influence that the Dead Sea Scrolls exercised upon the Christian concept of the Holy Spirit is well known.**"

## **The PERSONALITY and DEITY of The HOLY SPIRIT** **as found in the Greek Scriptures**

(All translations are from the New World Translation, 1984 Revision)

In preparation for the Christian Era Jesus Christ spoke very emphatically about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. As recorded in John 14:15 Jesus said, **"I will request the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever, the spirit of truth, which the world cannot receive...remains with you and is in you"**

"Another helper" in the Greek language is very specific and meaningful. The Greek word for "another" is not **heteros**, which means another of a different kind, but rather **allos**, which means another of the same kind. "Helper" is from the Greek word **parakletos**, which means **"to call to one's side for giving aid - used in court for legal assistant, counsel or advocate - in I John 2:1 of Jesus Christ as our 'advocate'."** (Thayer, Greek - English Lexicon; the same in Bullinger's Lexicon; the Arndt & Gingrich Lexicon adds, **'lawyer, attorney, intercessor, helper, adviser.'**)

Furthermore, Christ describes the work that the Holy Spirit will do; John 15:26,27, "When the helper arrives that I will send you from the Father, the spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, **that one will bear witness about me**; and **you in turn are to bear witness.**" We learn from these words that just as Jesus himself proceeded forth from the Father and came into the world on a specific mission, so the Holy Spirit of God will be sent from the Father for a specific mission in the world. When the Son's mission has been completed then the Spirit's mission will begin. The Holy Spirit from God will stand beside all Christians as an "adviser, helper, advocate, intercessor, or lawyer." He will primarily be "bearing witness about Jesus Christ," to the Christian, both individually and collectively.

Furthermore, Christ explains in more detail about the person and work of the Holy Spirit in John 16:7-16, "Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, It is for your benefit I am going away. For if I do not go away, the helper will by no means come to you; but if I do go my way, I will send **him** to you. And when that one arrives **he** will give the world convincing evidence concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment: ... I have many things yet to say to you, but you are not able to bear them at present. However, when that one arrives, the spirit of the truth, **he** will guide you into all the truth, for **he** will not speak of **his** own impulse, but what things **he** hears **he** will speak, and **he** will declare to you the things coming. That one will glorify me, because **he** will receive from what is mine and will declare it to you. All the things that the Father has are mine. That is why I said **he** receives from what is mine and declares [it] to you. In a little while you will behold me no longer, and again, in a little while you will see me."

From the booklet, *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* by the Watchtower Society, they describe the Holy Spirit in the following manner (pg. 20,21): **"active force, like electricity, power, like radio waves, something not someone, or energy."** To see the brazen infidelity of such teaching, simply substitute any one of these words for the word **'SPIRIT'** in the following verses:

Matthew 12:31,32- "On this account I say to you, that every sort of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the SPIRIT will not be forgiven. For example, whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the HOLY SPIRIT, it will not be forgiven him, no, not in the present system of things nor in that to come."

Hebrews 10:28,29- "Any man that has disregarded the law of Moses dies without compassion...Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the SPIRIT of undeserved kindness with contempt?"

## **The PERSONALITY and DEITY of the HOLY SPIRIT** **As To His OFFICE and FUNCTION in this AGE**

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The verb **diakoneo** means "to minister or serve." The noun **diakonos** means "a minister or servant." The noun **diakonia** means "the office or ministry of a diakonos." Therefore, diakonia is properly translated "office, ministraton or administration." We will now be reading about "the administration (diakonia) of the Spirit." II Corinthians 3:7-18 -

"Moreover, if the code which administers death and which was engraved in letters in stones came about in a **glory**...why should not **the administering** (diakonia-administration) **of the spirit** be much more with **glory**? For if the code administering condemnation was **glorious**, much more does the administering (diakonia) of righteousness **abound with glory**...**Now Jehovah is the Spirit**; and where **the spirit of Jehovah is**, there is freedom. And all of us, while we with unveiled faces reflect like mirrors the **glory of Jehovah**, are transformed into the same image from **glory to glory**, exactly as done by **Jehovah [the] Spirit.**"

The following is a partial history of the inspired record of the beginning of the Administration of the Holy Spirit: from the book of Acts -

- 1:5, The Baptism of the Holy Spirit promised.
- 1:8, The Holy Spirit arrives and fills the disciples.
- 1:16, The Holy Spirit **spoke** by the mouth of David.
- 2:4, The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 2:33, The Holy Spirit promised to come upon all who believe.
- 4:31, The congregation filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 5:3, A disciple **"lying to the Holy Spirit - to God."**
- 5:9, A disciple **"testing the Holy Spirit."**
- 5:22, The Holy Spirit as a **"witness."**
- 7:51, **"Resisting the Holy Spirit."**
- 8:29, **The Holy Spirit "speaking to Philip."**
- 8:39, The Holy Spirit **leads** Phillip away.
- 10:19,20, **The Holy Spirit "speaks to Peter" and directs him.**
- 10:44, The Holy Spirit baptizes the first Gentile converts.
- 11:12, **The Holy Spirit had spoken to Peter.**
- 13:3, **"The Holy Spirit said: 'Of all persons set Barnabus and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them.'"**
- 13:4, **The ministers "sent out by the Holy Spirit."**
- 15:28, **The Holy Spirit makes decisions at the first counsel.**
- 16:6, **The Holy Spirit prohibits ministering in a certain area.**
- 20:28, **"The Holy Spirit makes overseers."**
- 21:11, **The Holy Spirit speaks again.**
- 28:25-27, **The Holy Spirit speaks through Isaiah the prophet.**

No one could honestly read all these verses and think that the Holy Spirit of God is anything other than a Divine person, directing in the affairs of the early congregation of Jesus Christ. The present Age is truly, **"THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SPIRIT."** (II Cor. 3:7-18)

## **The PERSONALITY and DEITY of the HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY EXEMPLIFIED**

### The Holy Spirit Demonstrates Personality

**INTELLECT**, I Cor. 2:12,13, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God, **that we might know** the things that have been kindly given us by God. These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those **taught by the spirit...**"

**SENSIBILITIES**, Rom. 8:27 & 15:30, "Yet he who searches the hearts knows what is the meaning (lit. 'minding') **of the spirit...the love of the spirit...**"

**& WILL**, I Cor. 12:11, "But all of these operations the one and the same spirit performs, making a distribution to each one respectively **just as it will.**"

### The Holy Spirit Acts as a Person

**"Works"**- I Cor. 12:11; **"Searches"**- I Cor. 2:10; **"Speaks"**- Acts 13:2; **"Testifies"**- John 15:26; **"Teaches"**- John 14:26; **"Reproves"**- John 16:8-11; **"Regenerates"**- John 3:5; **"Prays"**- Rom. 8:26; **"Guides into all truth"**- John 16:13; **"Glorifies Christ"**- John 16:14; **"Directs in service"**- Acts 16:6,7; **"A Witness"**- Acts 5:32, etc,

### The Holy Spirit is Treated as a Person

**"Lied to"**- Acts 5:3; **"Tempted"**- Acts 5:9; **"Grieved"**- Eph. 4:30; **"Resisted"**- Acts 7:51; **"Insulted"**- Hebrews 10:29; **"Blasphemed"**- Matt. 12:31,32, etc.

### The Holy Spirit has Attributes of Deity

**"Eternal"**- Hebrews 9:14; **"Omniscience (knows all)"**- I Cor. 2:10,11; John 14:26; 16:12,13; **"Omnipotence (all powerful)"**- Luke 1:35; Ps. 104:30; **"Omnipresence"**- Ps. 159:7-10; and indwells all believers.

### The Holy Spirit Does the Works of Deity

**"In Creation"**- Gen. 1:2, etc.; **"In Regeneration"**- John 3:5, etc; **"In Inspiration"**- II Peter 1:21; and many others; **"In raising the dead"**- Romans 8:11, etc.

### The Holy Spirit is Named-

**"God"**- Acts 5:3,4; **"Jehovah"**- II Corinthians 3:17,18; **"Holy Spirit"**- Matt. 28:19