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My Dear Friends:

I just have your letter of recent date. You see I am going to stick to you and I will not be shaken off. I do not propose to be a heretic or to be an apostate. I have perhaps as good an opportunity as any man ever had to sail off on an independent tack, but you may be sure that talk is not the way I propose to expend my energies. I have been on board this ship all my life and I propose to stay on. If I have gotten confused about some things, straighten me out. Wherever I am in error I am most devoutly desirous to be corrected. As far as I can fathom the difficulty which is found in the Living Temple, the whole thing may be summed down to this question: Is the Holy Ghost a person? You say No. I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun "he" is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister White uses the pronoun "he" and has said in so many words that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the God head. How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all is difficult for me to see.

With kind regards, I remain,

As ever, Your friend and brother,