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[excerpt]

There was division of view as to whether or not Christ was eternally pre-existent and completely Deity, or whether He was a derived being, in some form of the Arian view--either the first of the created beings elevated to a place near God the Father, or there simply was a time when He was not, and was brought into being.

Well, there were several vital teachings that were involved in all this. Another aspect is the matter of the sinless nature of Christ during the Incarnation. The unfortunate statement in the early Bible Readings which was later corrected, and Llewellyn Wilcox's unfortunate statement in the Signs of the Times which he later repudiated, are all part of the picture.

Our men in the past have been confused over this, but it is not a question that has been particularly agitated. More recently it has become evident that this must be corrected. Say what men will, the little volume, Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine has done more to unify on the Deity of Christ and the Two phases of the atonement, and has been laying the foundation for the true position on the sinlessness of Christ during the incarnation.

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