

TRUTH OR FABLE?

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and

THE SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST MOVEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

1. Please note that all material herein can be **FULLY DOCUMENTED**. There are no falsehoods or misrepresentations concerning Ellen G. White, the Seventh Day Adventist background and doctrine. All quotes are taken directly from Ellen G. White's writings, newspaper & historical documentation or the Bible.
2. This book has been kept brief even though much more material could have been added.
3. We hope that the following will be an eye opener and that the reader will gain a more thorough understanding of Seventh Day Adventism.

ELLEN G. WHITE CONTRADICTS the BIBLE (again and again)

Truth or Fable

**And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
(2 Timothy 4:4)**

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“There is one straight chain of truth without one heretical sentence in that which I have written.”

(Ellen G. White, Letter 329A, 1905)



Ellen White was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist church back in the middle 1800s. She claimed to receive communications from God through visions, dreams, and angelic visitors. Though long dead, Ellen White continues to hold the role of prophetess, and is commonly referred to as “the Lord's Messenger” to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As a denomination, Seventh-day Adventists have long believed themselves to be the “successor and completer” of the Protestant reformation. They have long proclaimed themselves as “people of the Book,” a reference to their belief that all their doctrines are grounded in the Bible. This is why,

when debating doctrinal points with Christians, Seventh-day Adventists are quick to pull out their Bibles to “prove” that they alone have the “truth.” However, the Adventist eagerness to open their Bibles is strangely lacking when it comes to the teachings and writings of Ellen White. Thus the need for this material.

Examples of Ellen White Contradicting the Bible is written as a direct challenge to Ellen G. White's followers to simply compare her writings to the Bible. Seventh-day Adventists are fond of quoting Isaiah 8:20: “**To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**” Mark it carefully, this text did not say there is some light in them, it said “there is no light in them!” Now, on the basis of Isaiah 8:20 let us see if Ellen White agrees with the supreme definer of truth: the Bible. If she does, then there is truly “light” in her. If she does not agree with the Bible, then she is a false prophet.

BIBLICAL CONTRADICTIONS

1. WAS THE PLAN OF SALVATION MADE AFTER THE FALL?

EGW – YES: “The kingdom of grace was instituted immediately after the fall of man, when a plan was devised for the redemption of the guilty race.” (Great Controversy, p.347).

BIBLE – NO: “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” (1 Pet 1:18-20).

BIBLE – NO: “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.” (Eph 1:4).

NOTE: The Gospel of salvation through grace by faith in Jesus Christ was already in existence before the creation of this world. EGW contradicts the Bible by claiming the plan of salvation was devised after the fall of Adam and Eve.

2. WAS ADAM WITH EVE WHEN SHE WAS TEMPTED IN THE GARDEN?

EGW – NO: “The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she would be in less temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger. She soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree.” (Patriarchs and Prophets, pp.53,54).

BIBLE – YES: “And when **the woman saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, **she took** of the fruit thereof, **and did eat, and gave also unto her husband** with her; and he did eat.” (Genesis 3:6).

NOTE: There is no record in the Bible of angels warning Even of being separate from her husband.

3. WAS ADAM DECEIVED BY SATAN?

EGW – YES: “Satan, who is the father of lies, deceived Adam in a similar way, telling him that he need not obey God, that he would not die if he transgressed the law.” (Evangelism, p.598).

BIBLE – NO: “And **Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived** was in the transgression.” (1 Timothy 2:14).

NOTE: Who showed EGW that Satan deceived Adam, when the Bible says Adam was not deceived?

4. DID PRE-FLOOD HUMANS MATE WITH ANIMALS AND GIVE BIRTH TO NEW SUB-HUMAN SPECIES AND RACES?

EGW – YES: “But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.64).

EGW – YES: “Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, which were the result of amalgamation, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, and in certain races of men.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.75).

BIBLE – NO: “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature **after his kind**, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth **after his kind**: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth **after his kind**, and cattle **after their kind**, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth **after his kind**: and God saw that *it was good*.” (Genesis 1:24,25).

NOTE: Five times in these two verses God states that animals can only reproduce according “to their own kinds.” Horses cannot mate with birds and produce offspring. Neither can humans mate with monkeys and produce offspring. Even SDA scientists and the Ellen White Estate admits EGW was simply wrong.

5. DID GOD OR AN ANGEL SHUT THE DOOR OF NOAH'S ARK?

EGW – ANGEL: “An angel is seen by the scoffing multitude descending from heaven clothed with brightness like the lightning. He closes that massive outer door, and takes his course upward to heaven again.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.68, written in 1864).

EGW – GOD: “...God had shut it, and God alone could open it.” (Patriarchs and Prophets, p.98, written in 1890).

BIBLE – GOD: “In the selfsame day **entered Noah**, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, **into the ark**; And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in**. (Genesis 7:13,16).

NOTE: The Bible says the Lord shut Noah in, EGW disagreed in 1864 saying it was an angel who shut the door. Then twenty-six years later in 1890, she changed her mind and wrote that it really was God who shut the door. First she contradicted the Bible and then she contradicted herself. SDA's try to reconcile EGW with the Bible by saying, “Oh, God used an angel to shut the door.” If so, then why doesn't the Bible tell us that? Why is it that none of the Bible prophets knew God “used an angel?” Why was this information only available to Christians through EGW? And why does her information contradict every one of the Bible writers? If the OT Bible record was wrong, then why did Jesus say the Bible is “truth.” (John 17:17) For EGW to be right; the Bible, Moses, Jesus and Ellen White herself have to be wrong!

6. WAS THE TOWER OF BABEL BUILT BEFORE THE FLOOD?

EGW – YES: “This system was corrupted before the flood by those who separated themselves from the faithful followers of God, and engaged in the building of the tower of Babel.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.301).

BIBLE – NO: “These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” (Gen 10:32;11:4).

NOTE: This was one of the first EGW contradictions that SDA's found and corrected. They claimed it was just a typographical error, forgetting that EGW claimed every word she wrote came from God! (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2, p.293).

7. DID GOD SEND RAVENS TO FEED ELIJAH?

EGW – NO: “There He honored Elijah by sending food to him morning and evening by an angel of heaven.” (Testimonies, Vol. 3, p.288, written in 1873).

EGW – YES: “He who fed Elijah by the brook, making a raven His messenger.” (Testimonies, Vol. 4, p.253, written in 1876).

BIBLE – YES: “And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.” (1 Kings 17:4-6).

NOTE: In 1873 EGW contradicted the Bible when she said Elijah was fed by an angel. Then three years later in 1876 she changed her mind and agreed with the Bible that it really was a raven. Then, a year after her death, her editors tried to smooth things over by omitting any reference to either an angel or a raven. They changed EGW's words to say Elijah was just “miraculously provided with food.” (Prophets and Kings, p.129, written in 1916).

8. WAS THE MAN JESUS CHRIST ALSO TRULY GOD?

EGW – NO: “The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty.” (Letter 32, 1999, quoted in the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 5, p.1129).

BIBLE – YES: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isa 9:6).

BIBLE – YES: “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *a/so* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” (Rev 1:7-8).

BIBLE – YES: “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:” (Phil 2:9).

NOTE: The deity of Christ is a fundamental doctrine. Any other belief is HERESY.

9. WHO CHOSE JUDAS TO BE ONE OF JESUS' TWELVE DISCIPLES?

EGW - CHRIST CHOSE JUDAS: “When Judas was chosen by our Lord, his case was not hopeless.” (Testimonies, Vol. 4, p.41).

EGW - DISCIPLES CHOSE JUDAS: “The disciples were anxious that Judas should become one of their number. They commended him to Jesus.” (Desire of Ages, p.294).

EGW - JUDAS CHOSE HIMSELF: “While Jesus was preparing the disciples for their ordination, one who had not been summoned urged his presence among them. It was Judas Iscariot, a man who professed to be a follower of Christ. He now came forward soliciting a place in this inner circle of disciples. He hoped to experience this through connecting himself with Jesus.” (Desire of Ages, pp.293, 717).

BIBLE - JESUS CHOSE JUDAS: “And when it was day, **he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve**, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas *the brother* of James, **and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor**. Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon:** for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you**, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” (Luke 6:13-16; John 6:70-71; John 15:16).

10. WAS THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN COMPLETED AT THE CROSS?

EGW – NO: “Instead of...Daniel 8:14 referring to the purifying of the earth, it was now plain that it pointed to the closing work of our High Priest in heaven, the finishing of the atonement, and the preparing of the people to abide the day of His coming.” (Testimonies, Vol. 1, p.58).

EGW – NO: “Jesus entered the most holy of the heavenly sanctuary, at the end of the 2300 days of Daniel 8, in 1844, to make a final atonement for all who could be benefited by His mediation.” (Early Writings, p.253).

BIBLE – YES: “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” (John 19:30).

BIBLE – YES: “But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” (Rom 3:21-25).

BIBLE – YES: “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” (Rom 5:9-11).

NOTE: The Bible totally rejects EGW's idea of the 2300 days and an investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary beginning in 1844. Notice how the Bible texts quoted above were all written less than thirty years after Jesus' resurrection, and all clearly state that Christians living then were already fully justified, redeemed, sanctified and reconciled to God through Christ's death on the cross. There is not a verse in the Bible to support the SDA sanctuary doctrine.

11. DOES THE BLOOD OF CHRIST CANCEL SIN?

EGW – NO: “The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel sin...it will stand in the sanctuary until the final atonement.” (Patriarchs and Prophets, p.357).

BIBLE – YES: “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Eph. 1:7).

BIBLE – YES: “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7).

BIBLE – YES: “*Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” (Rom 4:7-8).

NOTE: To forgive means to pardon, give up all rights to punish, to forever cancel a debt. Jesus did all that for us when He shed His blood for us. The Bible says that forgiven sins are never counted against an individual. However Ellen White contradicts the Bible by claiming God stores up our sins and later punishes us for them if we do not measure up to His standard before the final atonement. This idea causes millions of SDA's agony as they question whether or not they will be saved.

12. WHO BEARS OUR SINS?

EGW – SATAN: “It was seen, also, that while the sin offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as a mediator, the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. Christ will place all these sins upon Satan, ... so Satan, ...will at last suffer the full penalty of sin.” (Great Controversy, p.422,485,486).

BIBLE – JESUS: “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Pet 2:24).

13. CAN WE SAY WE ARE SAVED RIGHT NOW BY CHRIST'S GRACE?

EGW – NO: “Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversion, should never be taught to say or feel that they are saved. Those who accept Christ, and in their first confidence say, I am saved, are in danger of trusting to themselves.” (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 155).

BIBLE – YES: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24). “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **YE MAY KNOW** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:13).

NOTE: The reason the apostle John wrote his letter was to assure the believers that they had eternal life.

14. CAN IGNORANT SLAVES BE SAVED?

EGW – NO: “God cannot take to heaven the slave who has been kept in ignorance and degradation, knowing nothing of God or the Bible, fearing nothing but his master's lash, and holding a lower position than the brutes.” (Early Writings, p.276).

BIBLE – YES: “*That* was the true Light, which lighteth **EVERY MAN** that cometh into the world.” (John 1:9).

15. CAN WE LEGITIMATELY SAY “I HAVE CEASED TO SIN?”

EGW – YES: “Christ died to make it possible for you to cease to sin, and sin is the transgression of the law.” (Review and Herald, Vol. 71, No. 35, p.1, August 28, 1894).

EGW – YES: “To be redeemed means to cease from sin.” (Review and Herald, Vol. 77, No. 39, p.1, September 25, 1900).

EGW – YES: “Those only who through faith in Christ obey **ALL OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS** will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. They testify to their love of Christ by obeying **ALL HIS PRECEPTS.**” (Manuscript 122, 1901, quoted in the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 6, p.1118).

EGW – YES: “To every one who surrenders fully to God is given the privilege of living without sin, in obedience to the law of heaven. God requires of us perfect obedience. We are to purify ourselves, even as he is pure. By keeping his commandments, we are to reveal our love for the Supreme Ruler of the universe.” (Review and Herald, September 27, 1906, p.8).

BIBLE – NO: “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:7-9).

BIBLE – NO: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Eph 2:8-9).

16. WILL OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS EARN ME GOD'S FAVOR?

EGW – YES: “To obey the commandments of God is the **ONLY WAY** to obtain (earn) His favor.” (Testimonies, Vol. 4, p.28).

BIBLE – NO: “But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isa 64:6).

BIBLE – NO: “But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.” (Gal 3:11).

17. DOES OUR OBEDIENCE AND FAITH RECONCILE US TO GOD?

EGW – YES: “Man, who has defaced the image of God in his soul by a corrupt life, cannot, by mere human effort, effect a radical change in himself. He must accept the provisions of the gospel; he

must be reconciled to God through **OBEDIENCE TO HIS LAW** and faith in Jesus Christ.” (Testimonies, Vol. 4, p.294).

BIBLE – NO: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **NOT OF WORKS**, lest any man should boast.” (Eph 2:8-9).

BIBLE – NO: “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:” (Col 1:21-22).

18. DID JESUS ENTER THE MOST HOLY PLACE OF THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE BEFORE OCTOBER 22, 1844?

EGW – NO: “I was shown that...the door was opened in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary, where the ark is, in which are contained the ten commandments. This door was not opened until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the holy place of the sanctuary in 1844. Then

Jesus rose up and shut the door of the holy place, and opened the door into the most holy, and passed within the second veil, where he now stands by the ark.” (Early Writings, p.42).

BIBLE – YES: “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.” (Hebrews 9:12 written in 60 AD).

NOTE: This Bible text was written in 60 AD, and it states that Jesus was already ministering in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary at least 1,824 years before 1844. Ellen White's 1844 scenario simply contradicts the clearest Scriptures!

19. DID PAUL LEARN THE GOSPEL FROM MEN IN THE CHURCH?

EGW – YES: “Paul must receive instruction in the Christian faith and move accordingly. Christ sends him to His very disciples whom he had been so bitterly persecuting, to learn of them. Now Paul was in a condition to learn of those whom God had ordained to teach the truth. Christ directs Paul to His chosen servants, thus placing him in connection with His church. The very men whom Paul was purposing to destroy were to be his instructors in the very religion that he had despised and persecuted.” (Testimonies, Vol. 3, p.430).

BIBLE – NO: “But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is **NOT AFTER MAN**. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I **CONFERRED NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD: NEITHER WENT I UP TO JERUSALEM** to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.” (Gal. 1:11-12, 16-20).

20. WHAT IS "THE SEAL OF GOD"?

EGW – SABBATH: “The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God.” (Great Controversy, p.640).

BIBLE - HOLY SPIRIT: “In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **SEALED WITH THAT HOLY SPIRIT** of promise,” (Eph 1:13).

BIBLE - HOLY SPIRIT: “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **SEALED** unto the day of redemption.” (Eph 4:30).

NOTE: This is a crucial contradiction. The Bible is certain that God's seal is the Holy Spirit. But EGW denies this Bible truth, claiming that the seventh-day Sabbath is God's seal. Thus Sabbath-keeping is promoted as the great determiner of who is lost and who is saved. In this, EGW

proclaims that it is the Sabbath which saves, rather than Jesus Christ who saves! **THIS IS HERESY**, claiming salvation by works. EGW makes the Sabbath the greatest commandment of all.

21. WILL WE KNOW THE EXACT DAY AND HOUR OF CHRIST'S COMING?

EGW – YES: “As God has shown me in holy vision...we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming.” (Early Writings, pp.15,34,285).

BIBLE – NO: “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” (Mat 25:13).

BIBLE – NO: “But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.” (Mark 13:32).

22. WILL THE SAVED HAVE WINGS IN THE RESURRECTION?

EGW – YES: “We gathered about Jesus, and just as He closed the gates of the city, the curse was pronounced upon the wicked. The gates were shut. Then the saints used their wings and mounted to the top of the wall of the city.” (Early Writings, p.53).

BIBLE – NO: “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned **LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” (Phil 3:21).

NOTE: The Bible says the resurrected saints will have a body like Christ's resurrected body. Nowhere in scripture is there even a hint that Jesus had wings.

SUMMARY

Ellen White once stated: “The Bible must be your counselor. Study it and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict His Word.” (Selected Messages, Vol. 3, p.32).

From the evidence you have seen, do you think Ellen White's writings (testimonies) “never contradict” God's Word? Isn't it clear that even by denying that she contradicts the Bible, she is simply proving that she cannot be trusted?

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ELLEN G. WHITE'S ADDITIONS TO THE HOLY BIBLE

1. ADAM WAS MORE THAN TWICE AS TALL AS MEN TODAY.

EGW – YES: “As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator...He was **MORE THAN TWICE AS TALL** as men now living upon the earth...Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. Her head reached a little above his shoulders.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3 p.34).

“Adam's height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in stature;” (Patriarchs and Prophets, p.45).

Note: Not Biblical. The Bible does not tell us the height of Adam and Eve, but Ellen does not leave us in doubt as to their height.

2. IN THE FIRES OF HELL, DO THE WICKED FEEL PAIN AS LONG AS THERE IS ONE PIECE OF FLESH LEFT?

EGW – YES: “I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. Some were many days consuming, and just as long as there was a portion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering was there.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1, p.217).

NOTE: Not Biblical. What if their brain is consumed first, will they still feel pain? Can a finger feel pain after the rest of the body is destroyed? Where is a Bible text to support this error? **The teaching of annihilation is not Biblical.** (Please see Chapter 22 that deals with this subject.)

3. DID JUDAS HAVE A CONVICTION TO CONFESS HIS SIN?

EGW – (1898) YES: “When the Saviour’s hands were bathing those soiled feet, and wiping them with the towel, the heart of Judas thrilled through and through with the impulse then and there to confess his sin.” (Desire of Ages p.645).

EGW – (1902) NO: “As Christ celebrated this ordinance with His disciples, conviction came to the hearts of all save Judas.” (Evangelism p.275).

Note: Mrs. White said yes in 1898 and God and Ellen changed their minds in 1902 and said no. This kind of inspiration is very hard to keep up with. I am thankful that the prophets of the Bible did not have this problem.

4. THE HEROD MISTAKE AND COVER-UP

EGW was under the impression that the Herod that took part in Jesus’ trial was the same Herod that took the life of James. She did not realize that it was Herod Antipas, who took part in Jesus’ trial and Herod Agrippa I, who put James to death. This mistake was due to her ignorance of the Bible and Bible history. Writing under inspiration; EGW wrote in 1858 that, “Herod’s heart grew still harder, and when he heard that JESUS had arisen, he was not much troubled. He took the life of James; and when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he took Peter also, intending to put him to death.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol 1, p.71).

Note the COVER-UP: This error was never corrected in the revisions of Early Writings. But when the error was discovered the authors tried to fix it by a footnote on page 185 of Early writings saying it was, “the same Herodian spirit only in another personality.” Notice Ellen was talking under inspiration about an individual, Herod, not the spirit of an individual or their attributes. Jesus certainly knew the difference between the Herods and the reason Ellen did not, was that she was not inspired and did not have the gift of prophecy.

5. JESUS’ BROTHERS WERE OLDER THAN HE AND THEY WERE THE SONS OF JOSEPH AND SIDED WITH THE RABBIS.

EGW – YES: “All this displeased His brothers. **Being older than Jesus**, they felt that He should be under their dictation. His brothers, as the sons of Joseph were called, sided with the rabbis. They insisted that the traditions must be heeded, as if they were the requirements of God.” (Desire of Ages, p.86,87).

Note: Not Biblical. EGW adds to the Bible the same way that Joseph Smith does in the Book of Mormon. How can Adventists claim that the Bible is the source of their faith and accept this as the truth, and do it with a straight face? The Bible clearly states that Jesus was the firstborn of Mary. (And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.) How can the firstborn have **older** brothers? (Matthew 1:25; Luke 2:7).

6. ANGELS NEED A GOLD CARD TO GET INTO AND OUT OF HEAVEN.

EGW – YES: “All angels that are commissioned to visit earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city.” (Early Writings p.39).

Note: Not Biblical. If this statement came from Joseph Smith would you accept it? No, because it is not found in the Bible. Then using the same principle for defining your faith how can you believe EGW’s nonsense as truth? Does God who can number the hairs on our head, need a gold card to identify the angels? Why have angels at the gate when an ATM machine would work just as well?

7. ELLEN G. WHITE THE ONLY PROPHET GIVEN WINGS WHILE IN VISION.

EGW – YES: “The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious.” (Early Writings p.39).

Note: Not Biblical. No Bible prophet was ever given wings at any time. Why were wings given to Ellen White in her vision? In vision they would not be necessary for travel. She certainly had a vivid imagination.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST'S CLAIM

Seventh-day Adventists claim to be people of the Bible and that their beliefs are supported by Scripture. They reject the Roman Catholic Church beliefs such as, praying to Mary and the saints, the confessional, rosary, holy water, the Pope as head of the church, etc. They reject Joseph Smith and his book of Mormon, they reject Mary Baker Eddy and her book *Science and Health with Keys to Scripture*. They reject the Jehovah's Witnesses, which have the Watchtower to guide them. SDA's reject all beliefs that cannot be supported by the Bible. The paradox is, that the church accepts Ellen White's additions to the Bible and her contradictions without question. And then, like any other cult, expects members to do likewise. The SDA church insists all these additions and contradictions came straight from God, thus making God a part of their deception.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church tell us: "The writings of Mrs. White were never designed to be an addition to the canon of Scripture. They are, nevertheless, the messages of God to the remnant church and should be received as such as were the messages of the prophets of old. As Samuel was a prophet to Israel in his day, as Jeremiah was a prophet to Israel in the days of the captivity, as John the Baptist came as a special messenger of the Lord to prepare the way for Christ's appearing, so we believe that Mrs. White was a prophet to the Church of Christ today. And the same as the messages of the prophets were received in olden times, so her messages should be received at the present time." (Review and Herald, October 4, 1928).

Note: Christians accept the writing of the prophets, Samuel, Jeremiah, as inspired by God and their writings as Holy Scripture. To follow what the SDA Church tells its members, then those who believe that Ellen White is inspired would have to regard her writings as Scripture, the same way, as they do the Bible prophets. But the church tells them her writings are not "an addition to the canon of Scripture!" Does this confuse you? If you understand how it is possible, please explain it to me!

Did Ellen White claim infallibility for the Testimonies?

YES

"Yet, now when I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be merely the opinion of Sister White. You thereby insulted the Spirit of God." (Testimonies, Vol. 5, p.64).

"In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision, the precious rays of light shining from the throne." (Testimonies, Vol. 5, p.67).

"If you lessen the confidence of God's people in the testimonies He has sent them, you are rebelling against God as were Korah, Dathan, and Abiram." (Testimonies, Vol.5, p.66).

"The Testimonies are of the Spirit of God, or of the devil. In arraying yourself against the servants of God you are doing a work either for God or for the devil." (Testimonies, Vol. 4, p.230).

THE FATE OF JUDAS

In the *Desire of Ages* Mrs. White describes the death of Judas:

"Later that same day, on the road from Pilate's hall to Calvary, there came an interruption to the shouts and jeers of the wicked throng who were leading Jesus to the place of crucifixion. As they passed a retired spot, they saw at the foot of a lifeless tree, the body of Judas. It was a most revolting sight. His weight had broken the cord by which he had

hanged himself to the tree. **IN FALLING HIS BODY HAD BEEN HORRIBLY MANGLED, AND DOGS WERE NOW DEVOURING IT. HIS REMAINS WERE IMMEDIATELY BURIED OUT OF SIGHT;** but there was less mockery among the throng, and many a pale face revealed the thoughts within.“ (Desire of Ages, p.772).

NOTE: THE BIBLE SAYS NOTHING ABOUT JUDAS DYING, BEING EATEN BY DOGS, OR BEING BURIED: “And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.” (Matthew 27:5).

“Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.” (Acts 1:18).

Did Judas really die the day Jesus died?

Outside of the Bible, the most reliable source of information about the fate of Judas is found in the writings of Papias. Papias lived in the period of 70 to 155 AD. He was a bishop in Asia Minor and a **disciple of the apostle John**. Some scholars believe that John dictated his gospel to Papias who wrote it in what we know today as the gospel of John. **Papias later wrote five volumes on Christianity**, of which we have fragments today. One of those fragments tells of the fate of Judas:

“Judas was a terrible, walking example of ungodliness in this world, his flesh was bloated. For his eyelids...were so swollen that he could not see the light at all, and his eyes could not be seen...so far had they sunk below the outer surface. When he relieved himself there passed through it pus and worms from every part of his body, much to his shame. After much agony and punishment...he finally died in his own place. And because of the stench the area is deserted and uninhabitable even now; in fact, to this day no one can pass that place unless they hold their nose, so great was the discharge from his body and so far did it spread over the ground.” (Exposition of the Sayings of the Lord as quoted in Apollinaris of Laodicaea, The Apostolic Fathers, p.323-324, 1989, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan).

Notice from the above quotation:

1. Judas survived the horrible injury suffered in his fall.
2. Judas' body became infected, swollen, and worm-infested.
3. Judas died in his own home.

Papias' description of the stench which made Judas' home uninhabitable correlates with the Biblical account of the fate of Judas' home:

“For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take.” (Acts 1:20).

Mrs. White's description of Judas' death and burial provides no explanation as to why Judas' home would be left desolate and uninhabited. When someone died, their home was taken over by others. If Judas had been eaten by dogs and quickly buried in a field, why would his home have been uninhabitable? Papias' explanation of the disease and death of Judas, with its resulting stench, is far more plausible than Mrs. White's explanation.

Are Mrs. White's Claims as Inspired as the Bible?

Over and over, **Seventh-day Adventists have given Mrs. White the highest possible endorsement**. On February 7, 1871, their General Conference passed the following resolution:

“That we reaffirm our abiding **confidence in the Testimonies of Sister White** to the church, as the teaching **of the Spirit of God.**” (SDA Year Book for 1914, p.253).

“Our position on the Testimonies is like **the keystone to the arch. Take that out, and there is no logical stopping place** till all the special truths of the message are gone. Nothing is surer than this, **that the message and the visions (of Mrs. White) belong together, and stand or fall together.**” (Review and Herald Supplement, August 14, 1883).

“The *Spirit of Prophecy* (Mrs. White's writings) is **a fundamental part of this message**. Since the rise of this message, this denomination has believed in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. We have preached it as widely as we have the Sabbath and other kindred truths, and believe it as thoroughly. To us it makes a vast difference whether one whom we have regarded from the rise of this message as being endowed with the prophetic gift, is a prophet of God, or whether she is not.” (A Statement by the General Conference Committee, May, 1906, pp.10,86).

Notice that this church is built upon Mrs. White and her writings. **They liken these writings to the KEystone IN THE ARCH. THE WHOLE STRUCTURE TUMBLES IF THAT KEystone IS LEFT OUT.** Just so, **THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH WOULD FALL IF MRS. WHITE'S WRITINGS WERE LEFT OUT**, they say, and truly too. By their own confession, that church is not built upon Jesus Christ and the Bible, but upon Mrs. White and her writings. The proper scriptural rule is: **“The Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and practice.”** Seventh-day Adventists do not abide by this rule, but add to the Bible the writings of Mrs. White, and make them **SUPERIOR TO THE BIBLE**; the keystone to their whole system, without which it would fall. Hence, **ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN STATEMENT, IF LEFT WITH THE BIBLE ONLY, WITHOUT HER WRITINGS, THEIR CHURCH WOULD FALL.** On what, then, is their church founded? On Mrs. White's writings, visions and dreams.

Now read this from G.A. Irwin who for many years was president of their General Conference. On page 1 of a tract entitled, “The Mark of the Beast,” he says:

“It is from the standpoint of the light that has come through the *Spirit of Prophecy*, (Mrs. White's writings), that the question will be considered, believing as we do that the *Spirit of Prophecy* is the only infallible interpreter of Bible principles, since it is Christ through this agency giving the real meaning of his words.”

Here we have an infallible female endorsed as such by that church. They claim for her exactly the same prerogative which the Catholic Church claims for the Pope; namely, that **SHE IS THE ONLY INFALLIBLE INTERPRETER OF THE BIBLE.** No pope of Rome ever claimed more. The Mormons claim no more for Joseph Smith, nor Christian Scientists for Mrs. Eddy.

Now listen to the claim of inspiration and infallibility for Mrs. Eddy, as voiced in the *Christian Science Sentinel*, November 4, 1916:

“To grasp the real import of Christian Science, to gain some sense of its infinite scope, to realize its infallibility and render unquestioning obedience thereto, one must perceive it to be a revelation from God, hence unalterable truth. To believe in the inspiration of the Bible, and of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy, is a step in the right direction.

Furthermore, he recognizes the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science as the true and only possible Leader of Christian Scientists.”

Here are two women, both living at the same time, teaching exactly opposite religious theories, both claiming to be divinely inspired, and both declared infallible and the only true guide. Which shall we believe?

Editors and ministers of the Adventist Church urge the “testimonies” of Mrs. White upon their people constantly, in their sermons and church papers. They quote her more than they do the Bible, and with the same authority.

Their ministers are required to study her writings with the Bible. Any interpretation she puts on a text, or any statement she makes on a subject, settles it beyond dispute. It is what God says, and that ends it.

Thus Uriah Smith, writing in 1868, defending her visions, says:

“We discard nothing that the visions have ever taught from beginning to end, from first to last.” (The Visions of Mrs. E.G. White, p.40).

“As with the ancient prophets, the talking is done by the Holy Spirit through **HER** vocal organs. The prophets spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (Review and Herald, October 5, 1914).

“Think you that he would choose an inferior mouthpiece through whom to instruct the remnant church? On the other hand, as it is the greatest crisis of all ages, we should naturally expect that the mouthpiece God would use for this period would be inferior to none in the past ages.” (Review and Herald, August 26, 1915).

Language could not be stronger. Mrs. White was not inferior to any of the prophets of past ages. Hence **she is equal to Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, Paul, and John the Revelator**. This they teach constantly.

Her Writings All Inspired by the Holy Ghost

Now read what Mrs. White claims **for her own writings**. Defining her position, she says:

“In ancient times God spoke through the mouths of prophets and apostles. In these days he speaks to them by the Testimonies of his Spirit.” (Testimonies, Volume 4, p.148; Volume 5, p.661).

Here she places herself on a level with all the Bible writers, both prophets and apostles. (See Hebrews 1:1,2.) Anyone who rejects or opposes her writings is branded as a rebel fighting against God. Thus she says:

“If you lessen the confidence of God's people in the testimonies he has sent them, you are rebelling against God as certainly as were Korah, Dathan and Abiram.” (Testimonies, Volume 5, p.66).

Here she classes herself in authority with Moses. From this it will be seen that her followers have made no greater claims for her than she made for herself.

She claims that every line she writes, even in a private letter, is directly inspired by God, “**the precious rays of light shining from the throne.**” (Testimonies, Volume 5, p.67). Of her own words she says: “**IT IS GOD, AND NOT AN ERRING MORTAL, THAT HAS SPOKEN.**” (Testimonies, Volume 3, p.257). She states over and over that those who doubt or oppose her are fighting against God, sinning against the Holy Ghost, thus “**fighting the Spirit of God. Those. . . who would break down our testimony, I saw, are not fighting against us, but against God.**” (Ibid, p.260).

Again she says:

“When I went to Colorado, I wrote many pages to be read at your camp meeting. God was speaking through clay. You might say this communication was only a letter. Yes, it was a letter, but prompted by the Spirit of God, to bring before your minds things that had been shown me. In these letters which I write, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision - the precious rays of light shining from the throne.” (Testimonies, Volume 5, pp.63-67).

NOTICE THAT SHE CLAIMS TO BE SIMPLY THE MOUTHPIECE FOR GOD. THEY ARE NOT HER WORDS, BUT GOD'S WORDS, the same as the Bible-God speaking through clay. All through her writings, designed especially for her own people, may be found expressions of this kind. In her books prepared for the public, however, **ALL THESE EXPRESSIONS ARE CAREFULLY OMITTED.**

Mrs. White's Bible Seventeen Times as Large as God's Bible

As given in the back part of 'Life Sketches of Mrs. White,' her books comprise a total of 13,351 pages. A regular Teacher's Bible, good-sized print, contains 771 pages. It will be seen, therefore, that Mrs. White's inspired books are **seventeen times as large as our Bible.**

Their ministers study all these books the same as God's Bible. An editorial in the Lake Union Herald, December 22, 1915, says: **“We would urge all our people to study the ‘Testimonies’ daily. Our workers, especially, should read them over and over again.”**

Here are alleged inspired writings, seventeen times as large as the Bible, to be read over and over again! To do this the ordinary person could read little else.

IS THE BIBLE SUFFICIENT?

Mrs. White claims her testimonies were given because of the fact that Seventh-day Adventists were ignorant of the Bible:

“If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the ‘Testimonies’.” (Testimonies, Volume 5, p.605).

In the same paragraph she places her writings on the same par with the writings of Holy Scripture:

“I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several Testimonies for the Church, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. God has been pleased to give you line upon line and precept upon precept.” (Testimonies, Volume 5, p.605).

Just as the Mormons add the Book of Mormon to the Scriptures, Mrs. White describes in visual terms how she places her ‘Testimonies’ side-by-side with the Holy Word of God.

Let us compare the two:

Holy Word of God is:	Ellen White's Writings are:
Infallible (no mistakes)	Fallible (although she claimed inspiration)
<u>A perfect revelation</u> of God's will (2 Timothy 3:16,17)	An imperfect revelation containing <u>gross errors</u>
Written by men inspired “by the Holy Ghost”	<u>Up to 90% of her works were plagiarized</u>

(2 Peter 2:21)	from non-Adventist Christian authors
A perfect harmony throughout	Contains sharply contradictory testimonies
Written by almost 40 authors over thousands of years	Written by one author over 60 years
<u>Prophecies never failed. Prophets never had to go back and delete out parts of their writings</u> when they did not come to pass.	Contains glaring false prophecies . Mrs. White had to delete out portions of her visions regarding the shut door of salvation.



WHITE ON THE MILLENNIUM

According to Ellen G. White, the righteous are with Christ in heaven during the Millennium.

“Angels gather the righteous from heaven to their mothers’ arms and the children are borne by holy angels separated by death are nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the City of God.” (Great Controversy, p.645).



At the return of Christ, the wicked are blotted from the face of the earth, and the earth is left empty and desolate for 1,000 years.

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The wicked are ANNIHILATED and the earth is left empty and DESOLATE FOR 1,000 YEARS:

“At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth, consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants.” (Great Controversy, p.657).

SATAN is left to WANDER THE EARTH alone FOR 1,000 YEARS:

“And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness.” (Great Controversy, p.657).

At the close of the 1,000 years Christ again returns to the earth. (Great Controversy, p.662)

Is this the picture of the Millennium portrayed in the Bible? Are the saints actually in heaven during the Millennium? Is the earth entirely desolate during the Millennium, inhabited only by Satan? Let us examine **THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE** regarding the Millennium to determine if this is accurate.

What does the Bible teach about the Millennium?

- 1. WHEN CHRIST RETURNS THE SAVED DEAD ARE RESURRECTED:** “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS.**” (Revelation 20:6).
- 2. ALL THE WICKED WILL BE SLAIN AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION:** “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast ALIVE into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.** And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which

sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” (Revelation 19:15,17-21).

3. **ANIMALS WILL LIVE UPON THE EARTH DURING THE MILLENNIUM:** “But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: **FOR THE EARTH SHALL BE FULL OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD**, as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:4,6-9).
4. **SATAN IS BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS IN THE BOTTOMLESS PIT:** “And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS, AND CAST HIM INTO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **TILL THE THOUSAND YEARS SHOULD BE FULFILLED**: and after that he must be loosed a little season.” (Revelation 20:2-3).
Note: The Bottomless Pit is a very deep gulf or chasm in the lowest parts of the earth used as the common receptacle of the dead and especially as the abode of demons. It is used nine times in the Bible and **NEVER** refers to the inhabitable regions of the earth. Revelation 20:1-3 depicts the movement of Satan from his current abode, the earth, to a prison, within the lower regions of the earth, described as a “bottomless pit.” From this region Satan is unable to tempt or harass for 1,000 years.
5. **THE RIGHTEOUS REIGN UPON THE EARTH FOR 1,000 YEARS:** “Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall **REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS.**” (Revelation 20:6). “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and **WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH.**” (Revelation 5:10).
6. **THE MILLENNIUM WILL BE A PERIOD OF PEACE UPON THE EARTH:** “And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it.*” (Micah 4:3,4).
7. **SATAN IS RELEASED FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM AND HE GOES OUT TO DECEIVE THE WICKED ARE WHO UPON THE EARTH:** “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be **loosed out of his prison**, And shall **go out to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” (Revelation 20:7-9).
8. **SATAN AND THE WICKED ARE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE, WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH:** “And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and

devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, **where the beast and the false prophet ARE, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:9-10,14-15). Note that the beast and false prophet are still alive in the Lake of Fire.

9. **FIRE DESTROYS THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS:** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2 Pet 3:10).

10. **A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL BE CREATED:** “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” (Revelation 21:1). “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (2 Peter 3:13).

Conclusion

Adventists rely upon one solitary verse in the Bible to prove that Jesus takes the righteous back to heaven during the Millennium:

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.” (John 14:3).

Obviously the righteous will visit heaven and will have access to heaven during the Millennium. The question is whether or not they will live in heaven or live on earth during the Millennium. The weight of Biblical evidence presented above shows:

1. Christ will set up His kingdom (mountain) upon earth.
2. Satan will be sealed up in the bottomless pit.
3. The saints will live and reign in peace upon the earth for 1,000 years.

The Adventist teaching of a Millennium in heaven places them in a very difficult position of having to try and explain away the dozens of obvious references to an **EARTHLY** Millennium in the Bible.

By the way, there is something more important than the location of the saints during the Millennium. It is whether or not you will be among those saints!

THE 144,000

The number 144,000 represents a problem for Ellen White. In various of her early writings, (Testimonies, Volume 1, p.59; Early Writings, p.14; Word to the Little Flock, p.14, etc), Mrs. White said that there will be **LITERALLY 144,000 SAINTS THAT WILL LIVE UNTIL JESUS COMES.**

“Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus coming. The living Saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice. Then Jesus’ silver trumpet sounded as he descended. He gazed on the grave of the sleeping Saints and cried, ‘awake, awake, awake’. The graves opened and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted ‘alleluia’ as they recognized their friends who

had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them.” (Experiences and Views. p.11-13).

When the book that preceded, *The Great Controversy*, called *Spiritual Gifts*, was printed in 1860, **this phrase was omitted. It does not appear in any later editions of *The Great Controversy*.** Apparently the brethren judged that it could **cause a “great controversy” to say that only 144,000 would be saved, when there are MANY MORE MEMBERS IN THE CHURCH!**

She taught later that those who die under what they call the third angel's message will be resurrected before Christ comes, and will take their places among the 144,000.

“When the voice of God came, the graves were shaken open, and those who died in faith under the third angel's message, came forth from their dusty beds glorified to hear the covenant of peace.”

Following this is the general resurrection. She says:

“The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call and came forth clothed with glorious immortality crying ‘victory, victory’ over death and the grave.” (Spiritual Gifts, Volume 1, p.205-208).

Mrs. White was mistaken again for she died in 1915 and therefore **the vision was false**. She was also wrong in stating that there would be only 144,000 “living saints” at the hour of Jesus coming (p.59). The Bible says they would be without number. **“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;”** (Revelation7:9).

AMALGAMATION

“The Negro Race is NOT Human”

A DENOMINATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT

These statements are perhaps the most shocking ever penned by Ellen White! They were so shockingly biased, not to mention unscientific, that they were removed when the book was reprinted:

“But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of AMALGAMATION OF MAN AND BEAST which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.64).

“Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, which were the RESULT OF AMALGAMATION, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood there has been AMALGAMATION OF MAN AND BEAST, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, AND IN CERTAIN RACES OF MEN.” (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p.75).

A SUMMARY OF MRS. WHITE'S MAIN POINTS ABOUT AMALGAMATION:

1. It was “a sin” serious enough to require “the destruction” of the human race.

2. It was a vile, “base crime”.
3. This vile sin “defaced the image of God”.
4. It occurred both before and *after* “the flood”.
5. Its effects can be seen “IN CERTAIN RACES OF MEN”.

But what are we to understand by “**certain races of men?**” She has not informed us in her writings, but left us to fix the stigma of amalgamation where we see fit. The interpretation has come to light. She told it to her husband, and he made it know to Elder Ingraham, and he divulged the secret that Sister White had seen that God never made the “**Darkey**” (ie. Negro).

The apostle Paul says, “And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.” (Acts 17:26).

Which shall we believe, the apostle Paul or E.G. White? One has to believe the Apostle and that the colored man is a creature of God. If he is not, why preach to him and try to save him. Oh shame on such visions! Has not the poor Negro been debased low enough with chains and shackles, without depriving him of the honor of being a creature of God and a human being?

Analysis

UNION OF MAN WITH ANIMALS CREATES AMALGAMATED SPECIES?

Mrs. White believed the sexual union between man and beast before and after the flood produced different, amalgamated species. This was an old myth that circulated among the uneducated in the 19th century and has no scientific basis. In fact, science has proven that it is impossible for human sperm to impregnate the eggs of non-humans. This statement was so absurd and unscientific that it **was removed from later publications**.

WHICH RACE IS A PRODUCT OF AMALGAMATION?

Mrs. White said the results of amalgamation could be seen “in certain races of men.” We have been waiting 140 years for Adventist officials to tell us which human race is the result of amalgamation of man and beast.

Stinging criticism of Ellen White in the 1860's forced church leaders to attempt to defend their prophet. In 1868, four years after the amalgamation statements first appeared in print, Adventist leader Uriah Smith, who at that time still professed belief in Ellen White as a prophet, published his defense of Ellen White. In that book he conjectured that the union of man with beast had created races such as the “**WILD BUSHMEN OF AFRICA**”. (See *The Visions of Mrs. E.G. White*, p.1030). By the way, **you will not find this book in any SDA bookstores today!**

James White “**carefully**” reviewed Smith's book prior to its publication, and then recommended it in glowing terms to the readers of the church's official magazine, the *Review and Herald*:

“The Association has just published a pamphlet entitled, “The Visions of Mrs. E.G. White, A Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts According to the Scriptures.” It is written by the editor of the *Review and Herald*. While carefully reading the manuscript, I felt grateful to God that our people could have this able defense of those views they so much love and prize, which others despise and oppose.” (Review and Herald, August 15, 1868).

Smith did not publish this book without careful review from the prophet's husband, James White. His endorsement of the book indicates his approval of the explanation. In fact, because it established Mrs. White's claims, **James and Ellen took 2,000 copies of Smith's book with them to peddle at camp meetings that year!** By promoting and selling Smith's book the Whites placed their stamp of approval on his explanation of the amalgamation statement.

While Smith may have limited the amalgamation to the Bushmen, some SDA's have gone further. Sadly, behind closed doors in private conversations some white American SDA's believe this "inspired" statement applies to **THE ENTIRE BLACK RACE.**

E.G. WHITE'S VISIONS TEACH DOCTRINES THAT ARE ABSURD, INCONSISTENT AND CONTRADICTORY TO THE BIBLE

GIANTS EXISTED FROM THE BEGINNING OF CREATION

"Those who lived before the flood came forth with their giant-like stature, MORE THAN TWICE AS TALL AS MEN NOW LIVING. The generations after the flood, were less in stature. There was a continual decrease through successive generations down to the last that lived upon the earth." (Spiritual Gifts, Volume 3, p.84).

According to the American Tract Societies Bible Dictionary, in an article on Giants, it states: "If we judge from the mummies of Egypt and from arms and implements of the earliest antiquity found in ancient tombs, in bogs, and in buried cities, we should conclude that mankind (as a whole) never exceeded in the average, their present stature."

ENTERS NON-EXISTENT TEMPLE

"I saw an angel swiftly flying to me. He carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city **I saw a temple which I entered.**" (Experience and Views, p.16).

The Bible says in Revelation 21:22, "And I saw **NO TEMPLE** therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

She has taught in a suppressed vision that to speak against her visions is to sin against the Holy Ghost:

"I saw the state of some who stood on the present truth, but disregarded the visions, the way God had chosen to teach in some cases those who erred from Bible truth. I saw that in striking against the visions they did not strike against the worm the feeble instrument that God spake through, but against the Holy Ghost. I saw that it was a small thing to speak against the instrument, but it was dangerous to fight the WORDS OF GOD. I saw that if they were in error and God chose to show them their errors through visions, they would be left to take their own way and run in the way of error, and think they were right until they would find it out too late. Then in the time of

trouble I heard them cry to God in agony. Why didst thou not show us our wrong that we might have got right and been ready for this time. Then an angel pointed to them and said, 'My Father taught but you would not be taught. He spoke through visions but you disregarded his voice and he gave you up to your own ways, to be filled with your own doings'." (Visions published at Topsham, by James White Jan. 31, 1849).

Why was this awful penalty for rejecting these visions not published with the rest of the vision in 'Experience and Views'? Is it because it is not as great a sin to reject them now as then? **Why was it suppressed if it was the word of God?**

PROPER PRAYER POSITION

According to Ellen White the proper prayer position is **ALWAYS kneeling**:

"I have received letters questioning me in regard to the proper attitude to be taken by a person offering prayer to the Sovereign of the universe. Where have our brethren obtained the idea that they should stand upon their feet when praying to God? One who has been educated for about five years in Battle Creek was asked to lead in prayer before Sister White should speak to the people. But as I beheld him standing upright upon his feet while his lips were about to open in prayer to God, my soul was stirred within me **to give him an open rebuke**. Calling him by name, I said, "**GET DOWN UPON YOUR KNEES. THIS IS THE PROPER POSITION ALWAYS.**" (Selected Messages, Volume 2, p.311).

"Both in public and private worship, it is our duty to bow down before God when we offer our petitions to Him." (Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p.311).

"To bow down when in prayer to God is the proper attitude to occupy." (Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p.312).

Well, maybe not always...

"We must pray constantly, with a humble mind and a meek and lowly spirit. We need **not** wait for an opportunity to **kneel** before God. We can pray and talk with the Lord wherever we may be." (Selected Messages, Volume 3, p.266).

"It is **not always necessary to bow upon your knees** in order to pray. Cultivate the habit of talking with the Saviour when you are alone, when you are walking, and when you are busy with your daily labor." (The Ministry of Healing, pp.510, 511).

Elder D. E. Robinson, one of Ellen White's secretaries from 1902 to 1915, reported:

"I HAVE BEEN PRESENT REPEATEDLY AT CAMP MEETINGS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN WHICH **SISTER WHITE HERSELF HAS OFFERED PRAYER WITH THE CONGREGATION STANDING, AND SHE HERSELF STANDING.**" (D. E. Robinson letter, March 4, 1934).

The Bible says in Luke 18:13, "And the publican, **standing** afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, **saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.**" And in Mark 11:25, "And **when ye stand praying**, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Once again, Mrs. White contradicted herself and the Bible.

WHAT ABOUT THAT BIG BIBLE?

One popular Adventist legend tells of Mrs. White performing a feat of supernatural strength. She purportedly **HELD UP A 40 POUND BIBLE** above her head for over 30 minutes, turned the pages, and without looking, quoted the verses she was pointing at with her finger. J.N. Loughborough describes the incident as follows:



“I will here state some facts respecting her third vision...related to me by Mrs. White's father and mother, by her sister, Mrs. Sarah Belden, and others. In the room where the vision was given, there was lying on the bureau a very large family Bible...and weighs a little **over 18 pounds**. While in vision, she arose, and took this heavy Bible on her left arm, the book lying open, and held it out at right angles with her body; and then for **over half an hour**, with her right hand, turned from place to place, and pointed to different texts of Scripture, which she repeated while her eyes were looking upward...in every instance she was repeating the Scripture upon which her finger was resting.” (Great Second Advent Movement, pp.236-37).

Why did it fail to convince those watching the event?

Such feats of supernatural strength should have been enough to convince the most hardened skeptic. Among those present at this event were Mrs. White's father, mother, and sister. Strangely enough, **HER OWN FAMILY WERE NOT CONVINCED** by this awesome display of strength. **None of her close family members ever became a believer in her visions or joined the Adventist church.**

The fact that those witnessing the event were not convinced is cause for concern. It calls into question whether or not anything supernatural actually occurred. One would have expected that if Mrs. White had indeed received supernatural strength, then her own family would have been convinced that her visions were from God and would have joined the Advent movement.

A General Conference president speaks

Perhaps one of the best people to assess whether or not anything supernatural happened is SDA General Conference president A.G. Daniels, who knew Mrs. White for over forty years. Listen to what he said on July 30, 1919, at the Conference on the Use of the Spirit of Prophecy:

“Now with reference to the evidences: I differ with some of the brethren who have put together proofs or evidences of the genuineness of this gift. In this respect, I believe that the strongest proof is found in the fruits of this gift to the church, not in physical and outward demonstrations. For instance, I have heard some ministers preach, and have seen it in writing, that Sister White once carried a heavy Bible, I believe they said it weighed **40 pounds** and on her out-stretched hand, and looking up toward the heavens quoted texts and turned the leaves over and pointed to the texts, with her eyes toward the heavens. **I do not know whether that was ever done or not. I am not sure. I did not see it, and I do not know that I ever talked with anybody that did see it.** But, brethren, I do not count that

sort of thing as a very great proof. I do not think that is the best kind of evidence. If I were a stranger in an audience, and heard a preacher enlarging on that, I would have my doubts. That is, I would want to know if he saw it. He would have to say, No, he never did. Then I would ask, 'Did you ever see the man that did see it?' And he would have to answer, 'No, I never did.' **Well, just how much of that is genuine, and how much has crawled into the story - I do not know. But I do not think that is the kind of proof we want to use.**"

Separating Facts from Fiction

Mrs. Lunt, a witness to the event, wrote:

"The Teale Family Bible, weighing 18 pounds was...taken from the bureau...it was held on her open hand at an **ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES...FOR SEVERAL MINUTES...**" (Great Second Advent Movement, p.238).

Please note that it is much easier to hold a weight at a 45-degree angle to the body rather than a 90-degree angle. Let us separate the myths from the facts:

Myth	Fact
Bible weighed 40 pounds	Bible weighed 18 pounds
Bible held with arm straight out (90-degrees to body)	Bible held up at a 45-degree angle
Bible was held up for over 30 minutes	Bible was held up for several minutes
Mrs. White pointed and quoted verses without looking	It is physically impossible for the right hand to point to verses while holding an open Bible, 11 by 27 inches in size, up at an angle of 45 degrees with the left hand. Try it.

Is **NOTE: HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO PICK UP AN 18 POUND OBJECT OF ANY KIND AND HOLD IT OUT AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE?** the

White Estate telling the truth?

Visitors to the White Estate in Takoma Park, Maryland, can view the 40 pound Bible that Mrs. White purportedly held up in vision. Former SDA, Wallace D. Slattery writes of an experience:

"My aide in my last SDA teaching position in Pennsylvania was a great-granddaughter of Sister White. I discussed this supposed event with her, and she agreed that **undoubtedly it never happened.** She telephoned her mother, who worked at the White Estate in Washington, D.C., and asked her, "Why do you still show that big Bible to people who come in, when you know that the event **never took place?**" Her mother answered, "**But you should see their faces when they see it!**" (Are Seventh-day Adventists False Prophets? A Former Insider Speaks Out, p.5).

HER FALSE VISION ABOUT THE PLANETS

Elder Joseph Bates first met Elder White and his wife in 1846. He was keeping the Sabbath, and urged it upon them. Neither saw any great importance in it at first, but nominally accepted it to please Bates, as it was important to gain his influence. **Mrs. White was having visions which Bates did not believe were of God; but they were anxious to convince him that they were genuine.** Bates had been a sea captain, and had consequently studied the stars; had, in fact, become enthusiastic about astronomy, which Mrs. White assured him she had no prior knowledge of.

In the presence of Mrs. White and others he had often talked about the different planets, their positions, moons, and the “opening heavens.” **Mrs. White seemed to pay no attention to the subject, or to have any interest in it.** But soon she had a vision about the various planets, which is thus told by Elder Loughborough on page 258 of his book, The Great Second Advent Movement:

“One evening at a conference in Topsham, Maine, in 1846, in the house of Mr. Curtis, and in the presence of Elder (Captain) Bates, who was yet undecided in regard to these manifestations, Mrs. White, while in vision, began to talk about the stars, giving a glowing description of the rosy-tinted belts which she saw across the surface of some planet, and added, ‘I see **FOUR MOONS.**’ ‘Oh,’ said Elder Bates, ‘she is viewing Jupiter.’ Then, having made motions as though traveling through space, she began giving descriptions of belts and rings in their ever-varying beauty, and said, ‘I see **EIGHT MOONS.**’ ‘She is describing Saturn.’ Next came a description of Uranus with its **SIX MOONS**, then a wonderful description of the ‘opening heavens’.”

This was sufficient, and accomplished its purpose. Elder Bates was convinced, and became a firm believer in the visions.

Here is a letter written by Mrs. Truesdale, who was present when Mrs. White received her “solar system” vision:

“Sister White was in very feeble health, and while prayers were offered in her behalf, the Spirit of God rested upon us. We soon noticed that she was insensible to earthly things. This was her first view of the planetary world. **After counting aloud the moons of Jupiter, and soon after those of Saturn, she gave a beautiful description of the rings of the latter. She then said, ‘THE INHABITANTS ARE A TALL, MAJESTIC PEOPLE, SO UNLIKE THE INHABITANTS OF EARTH. Sin has never entered here.’**”

“It was evident from Brother Bates' smiling face that his past doubts in regard to the source of her visions were fast leaving him. We all knew that Captain Bates was a great lover of astronomy, as he would often locate many of the heavenly bodies for our instruction. When Sister White replied to his questions, after the vision, saying that she had never studied or otherwise received knowledge in this direction, he was filled with joy and happiness. He praised God, and expressed his belief that this vision concerning the planets was given that he might never again doubt.” (Taken from Mrs. Truesdale's letter dated January 27, 1891).

But what are the facts? Mrs. White simply saw what her companions at the time generally believed and talked about. Had God given her that view about the planets and the number of moons to each **HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN HER THE CORRECT NUMBER IN EACH CASE**, and thus she would have revealed what astronomers at the time did not know, but later discovered. This would have proved her vision to be of God. But, blundering as she did, proves that the Lord was not in it.

Whether she pretended to see all this to win Elder Bates, or whether she really imagined she saw it, the fact remains that her statement of **THE NUMBER OF MOONS TO EACH PLANET WAS INCORRECT**, and not in harmony with what we know to be the truth about them. Here are the cold facts, which cannot be denied that **PROVE HER REVELATIONS TO BE WHOLLY UNRELIABLE**.

- **Jupiter has 16** known natural moons, 12 of which are of a small diameter. The four large Galilean moons were discovered by Galileo in 1610. A small elongated moon was discovered in 1892 by Edward Barnard at Lick Observatory. In 1905, Perrine at the same observatory the next two. In 1908, Melotte discovered the eighth at Greenwich; and in 1914, Nickolson, at the Lick Observatory, discovered the ninth.
- **Saturn also has at least 18** natural moons. In 1899, Professor W. H. Pickering discovered the ninth moon of Saturn, and in 1905, the tenth.
- **Prior to 1986, Uranus was known to have 5** natural moons. Tatania and Oberon were discovered by William Herschel in 1787; Ariel and Umbriel by William Lassell in 1851; and Miranda by Gerard Kuiper in 1948. In 1977 astronomers detected a system of narrow rings of small dark particles orbiting around the planet. When the Voyager 2 space probe flew by Uranus in 1986, it **discovered 10 more** moons and confirmed the existence of 10 rings.

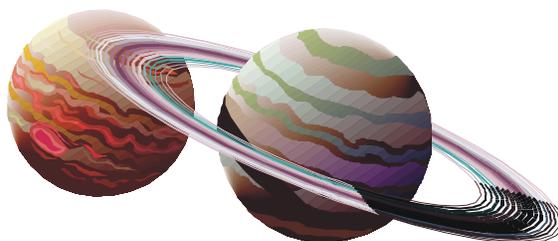
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The conclusion is obvious - **Mrs. White's claim was false. She did not see Jupiter, Saturn or Uranus** as she said. Yet she said that the Lord showed her all these things in a vision.

This vision of the moons, corresponding exactly with what Elder Bates believed, convinced him that her visions were of God. He asked her if she had ever studied astronomy, and she replied by saying that she did not remember ever having looked in a book on astronomy. That settled it with him. But she could easily have learned all this from his own previous conversations. Later discoveries have now shown that both Jupiter and Saturn have more moons than she said. Elder Loughborough is obliged to confess this. In a footnote on page 258 of his book already quoted he says: "More moons to both Jupiter and Saturn have since been discovered."

As a matter of fact, Mrs. White herself, relating this vision, described Saturn as having only *seven* moons, the number then assigned to that planet by astronomers. Here are her own words in, "Early Writings," page 32: "Then I was taken to a world which had *seven* moons." But by the time Elder Loughborough had written his book, "Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," another moon had been discovered, and the publishers had the audacity to change her words to read, "I see *eight* moons." (See page 126 of that work.) This was in 1892. When Elder Loughborough revised this book in 1905, and issued it under another title, still more moons had been discovered to this planet, hence his admission.

The progressive discoveries of astronomy since Mrs. White had that vision have **proved her revelation to be false**. But it was a masterstroke to win an influential convert to her cause. And it succeeded, fraudulent as it was.



TOP EMBARRASSING STATEMENTS OF ELLEN G. WHITE

Quote on Cancer

“People are continually eating flesh that is **filled with tuberculous and cancerous germs. Tuberculosis, cancer, and other fatal diseases are thus communicated.**” (The Ministry of Healing, p.313).

Quote on Shaving on Sabbath

“The violation of the fourth commandment is not confined to the preparation of food. Many carelessly put off blacking their boots, and **shaving**, until after the beginning of the Sabbath. This should not be. If any neglect to do such work on a working day, they should have respect enough for God's holy time to **let their beards remain unshaven**, their boots rough and brown, until the Sabbath is past. This might help their memory, and make them more careful to do their own work on the six working days.” (Signs of the Times, May 25, 1882).

What Seventh-day Adventist pastor obeys this counsel?

Quote on World Population

“**The human family was presented before me, enfeebled. Every generation has been growing weaker, and disease of every form visits the human race.... Satan's power upon the human family increases. IF THE LORD SHOULD NOT SOON COME AND DESTROY HIS POWER, THE EARTH WOULD SOON BE DEPOPULATED.**” (E.G. White, Testimony No.8, p.94, in Spiritual Gifts III-IV, Battle Creek, Steam Press, 1864, emphasis supplied).

According to the *Korea Times* of May 14, 1998 the world population began the century at 1.6 billion and will hit 6 billion before the year 2000. Should the world last, population experts fear that there may be as many as 27 billion people living on the face of this planet by the year 2150. Are we facing a problem of DEPOPULATION or OVERPOPULATION? **If this prophecy was wrong, how many of her other prophecies, like the ones in the *Great Controversy*, are also wrong?**

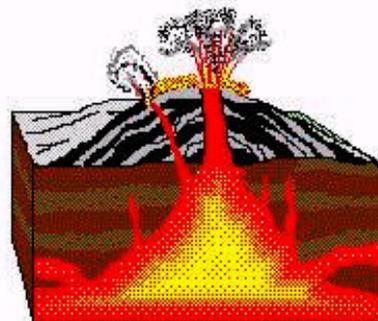
Quote on Cosmetics

“Many are ignorantly injuring their health and endangering their lives by using cosmetics...when they become heated...the poison is absorbed by the pores of the skin, and is thrown into the blood. **MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED BY THIS MEANS ALONE.**” (Healthful Living, p.189).

Now the request - Please provide openly the names of the deceased and the obituary references to these many cosmetic deaths.

Quote on Geology

Mrs. White describes the cause of earthquakes: “At this time immense forests were buried. These have since been changed to coal, forming the extensive coal beds that now exist, and also yielding large quantities of oil. The coal and oil frequently ignite and burn beneath the surface of the earth. Thus rocks are heated,



limestone is burned, and iron ore melted. The action of the water upon the lime adds fury to the intense heat, and **causes earthquakes, volcanoes**, and fiery issues. As the fire and water come in contact with ledges of rock and ore, there are heavy explosions underground, which sound like muffled thunder. The air is hot and suffocating. Volcanic eruptions follow; and these often failing to give sufficient vent to the heated elements, the earth itself is convulsed, the ground heaves and swells like the waves of the sea, great fissures appear, and sometimes cities, villages, and burning mountains are swallowed up." (Patriarchs and Prophets, p.108).

The real cause of earthquakes: "The immediate cause of most shallow earthquakes is the sudden release of stress along a fault, or fracture, in the earth's crust, resulting in the movement of opposing blocks of rock past one another. This causes vibrations to pass through and around the earth in wave form." (The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, Copyright, 1995 by Columbia University Press.) **Volcanic eruptions are NOT caused by coal and oil burning beneath the earth's surface.** They are caused by rising magma, regions of molten rock material, beneath the earth's surface.

Quote on Genetics

Mrs. White believed that **acquired** physical characteristics would be passed down genetically to the next generation:

"By lacing, the internal organs of women are crowded out of their positions. There is scarcely a woman that is thoroughly healthy. The majority of women have numerous ailments. Many are troubled with weaknesses of most distressing nature. These fashionably dressed women cannot transmit good constitutions to their children. Some women have naturally small waists. But rather than regard such forms as beautiful, they should be viewed as defective. **THESE WASP WAISTS MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THEM FROM THEIR MOTHERS, AS THE RESULT OF THEIR INDULGENCE IN THE SINFUL PRACTICE OF TIGHT-LACING, and in consequence of imperfect breathing. Poor children born of these miserable slaves of fashion have diminished vitality, and are predisposed to take on disease. The impurities retained in the system in consequence of imperfect breathing are transmitted to their offspring.**" (Health Reformer, November 1, 1871).

"But my waist is naturally slender, says one woman. She means that she has inherited small lungs. **Her ancestors, more or less of them, compressed their lungs in the same way that we do, and it has become in her case a congenital deformity.**" (Health Reformer, October 31, 1871).

The idea that **acquired** physical characteristics are passed genetically to the next generation is nothing more than a myth. **There is no scientific evidence that acquired physical characteristics can be passed down to the next generation. It was simply a 19th century myth that has been discarded by the modern medical community.**

Quote on Wigs

"Fashion loads the heads of women with artificial braids and pads, which do not add to their beauty, but give an unnatural shape to the head. The hair is strained and forced into unnatural positions, and it is not possible for the heads of these fashionable ladies to be comfortable. The artificial hair and pads covering the base of the brain, heat and excite the spinal nerves centering in the brain. The head should ever be kept cool. The heat caused by these artificials (sic) induces the blood to the brain. The action of the blood upon the lower or animal organs of the brain, causes unnatural activity, **tends to recklessness in morals,**

and the mind and heart is in danger of being corrupted. As the animal organs are excited and strengthened, the moral are enfeebled. The moral and intellectual powers of the mind become servants to the animal.” (The Health Reformer, October 1, 1871, paragraph 9).

SELF-ABUSE (MASTURBATION)

If you are a child, this is NOT for you!

According to Mrs. White, self-abuse was the cause of a wide range of dangerous diseases and afflictions:

“Children who practice self-indulgence (masturbation) previous to puberty, or the period of merging into manhood or womanhood, must pay the penalty of nature's violated laws at that critical period. **MANY SINK INTO AN EARLY GRAVE**, while others have sufficient force of constitution to pass this ordeal. If the practice is continued from the age of fifteen and upward, nature will protest against the abuse she has suffered, and continues to suffer, and will make them pay the penalty for the transgression of her laws, especially from the ages of thirty to forty-five, **by numerous PAINS IN THE SYSTEM, and VARIOUS DISEASES, such as affection of the LIVER and LUNGS, neuralgia, RHEUMATISM, affection of the spine, DISEASED KIDNEYS, and CANCEROUS HUMORS.** Some of nature's fine machinery gives way, leaving a heavier task for the remaining to perform, which disorders nature's fine arrangement, and there is often a sudden breaking down of the constitution; **and DEATH IS THE RESULT.**” (Solemn Appeal, 1870, p.63).

“They do not realize the **exceeding sinfulness** of this degrading sin, which is **enervating the system and DESTROYING THEIR BRAIN NERVE POWER.**” (Testimonies, Vol. 2, p.347).

“He had practiced self-abuse until he was a mere **wreck of humanity.** This vice was **shown me as an abomination in the sight of God.** The results of self-abuse in them is seen in **VARIOUS DISEASES, SUCH AS CATARRH, DROPSY, HEADACHE, LOSS OF MEMORY AND SIGHT, GREAT WEAKNESS IN THE BACK AND LOINS, AFFECTIONS OF THE SPINE, THE HEAD OFTEN DECAYS INWARDLY.** Cancerous humor, which would lay dormant in the system their life-time, is inflamed, and commences its eating, destructive work. **THE MIND IS OFTEN UTTERLY RUINED, AND INSANITY TAKES PLACE.**” (Appeal to Mothers, 1864, pp.25, 27).

Mrs. White believed that the following ailments or diseases were caused by masturbation: brain weakened; cancerous tumors; catarrh; dropsy; eye-sight weakened; headache; head decay; insanity; kidney disease; liver disease; lung disease; memory loss; nervous system damage; neuralgia; pains in the system; premature death; rheumatism; spinal weakness and spinal problems.

Analysis

Above statements proven false by science:

Medical research during the 20th century has COMPLETELY DISPROVEN the old myths that masturbation leads to insanity, stunts your growth, causes blindness, etc. Research done by Masters and Johnson and other scientists showed no adverse short-term or long-term effects from masturbation. Researchers found that on average, those who masturbated had no higher incidence of disease, eye-sight problems, or insanity than the general population.

There was also no difference in life expectancy. Even among Seventh-day Adventist physicians, there is now a near universal belief that masturbation does not cause the above illnesses.

“From a 20th-century medical perspective, I can assure you that this activity in no way affects mental or physical health.” (Dr. Peter Gott, nationally syndicated medical columnist, August 12, 1997).

Mrs. White repeats the myths of the 1800's

For a good while, 1700-1900, Western medical wisdom viewed masturbation as draining vital energies and somehow related to mental illness. During the 20th century medical and scientific research proved the myths of the health ills of masturbation to be complete fiction.

QUESTION: If Mrs. White's testimonies about self-abuse were wrong, **which of her other testimonies are also wrong** and how can we tell the difference?

DRINKING TEA IS A SIN AND CAN CAUSE DISEASES

“The indulgence of... tea, coffee, tobacco, or liquor, is intemperance, and is at war with the laws of life and health. By using these forbidden articles a condition of things is created in the system which the Creator never designed. This indulgence in any of the members of the human family **is sin!**” (Evangelism, p. 266, written in 1899).

“Tea and coffee drinking **is a sin**, an injurious indulgence, which like other evils, **injures the soul.**” (Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 425, written in 1896).

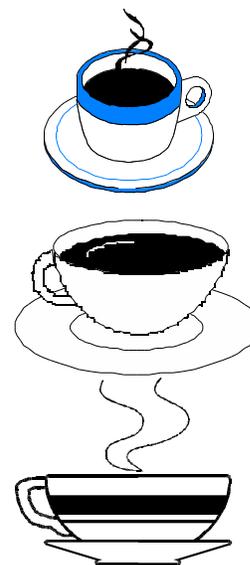
We will not find the drinking of tea mentioned anywhere in Scripture. Neither will we discover any proclamation in the Bible that drinking tea is a **sin!** Never does the Bible tell us to repent of the “sin” of drinking tea!

As ludicrous as it seems today, Ellen White specifically stated that tea, as a **beverage, “loosens tongues” and contributes to gossip:** “When these tea and coffee users meet together for social entertainment, the effects of their pernicious habit are manifest. All partake freely of the favorite beverages, **and as the stimulating influence is felt, their tongues are loosened, and they begin the wicked work of talking against others.**” (Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 423, written in 1890).

Tea and its Effect on Health

Even from a health standpoint Ellen White had a negative view of drinking tea. For example, she stated that tea is a narcotic: “... People may be taught... and be educated to refuse **all narcotics, - tea, coffee, fermented wines, and stimulants of all kinds, - and to discard the flesh of dead animals.**” (Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 281, written in 1896).

She also stated that physicians were not to prescribe tea for their patients for it is “harmful” and “poisonous to the system”. “You will **not** prescribe flesh, tea, or coffee for your patients, but will give talks in the parlor showing the necessity of a simple diet. You will cut away **injurious things** from your bill of fare.” (Ibid, p. 294, written in 1902). “If tea is offered, refuse it,... explain that it is harmful...” (Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 402, written in 1901). “**Tea is poisonous to the system.**” (Ibid, p. 421, written in 1868).



As a matter of fact, Ellen White firmly believed **drinking tea caused diseases**: “**Diseases of every stripe and type have been brought upon human beings by the use of tea** and coffee and the narcotics, opium and tobacco.” (Ibid, p. 421, written in 1887).

Now compare what Ellen White has told you, supposedly under the direct inspiration of God, with what modern science has discovered regarding tea. Scientists report that drinking green and/or black tea can:

- Reduce the risk of stroke and heart attack.
- Protect against several types of cancer.
- Provide equal or greater antioxidant power than many fruits and vegetables.
- And, since tea is one of the few natural sources of fluoride, help prevent cavities.

The myth that Ellen White's so-called “health message” was inspired by God is simply without foundation. **Not only did her “health message” contradict God's Word, it also contradicted the laws of science.**

EGW's Addiction to Vinegar

Did you know that Ellen White was a vinegar addict? Consider her own account of that “terrible” addiction as it appears in a letter she wrote 1911:

“I had indulged the desire for vinegar. But I resolved with the help of God to overcome this appetite. I fought the temptation, determined not to be mastered by this habit. For weeks I was very sick; but I kept saying over and over, The Lord knows all about it. If I die, I die; but I will not yield to this desire. The struggle continued, and I was sorely afflicted for many weeks. **All thought that it was impossible for me to live.** You may be sure we sought the Lord very earnestly. The most fervent prayers were offered for my recovery. I continued to resist the desire for vinegar, and at last I conquered. Now I have no inclination to taste anything of the kind. This experience has been of great value to me in many ways. I obtained a complete victory.” (Ellen G. White, letter 70, 1911, reproduced in Counsels on Diet and Foods, page 485).

Do you think Ellen White was really “very sick” for weeks because of her “desire for vinegar?” Do you think it really was true that “all thought it was impossible for me to live?” Or are those statements simply more of Ellen White's exaggerations? Do you know of anyone who is, or who ever has been, addicted to vinegar? No? Well then, if Ellen White would lie about such an insignificant matter as her “desire for vinegar,” creating a life-threatening crisis over vinegar, then do you really think she told the truth about her “visions” and her “conversations with angels?”

Furthermore, why did Ellen White condemn the use of vinegar when Jesus drank it on the cross? “**When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar**, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” (John 19:30).

Did Mrs. White Practice what she Preached on Diet?

Did Mrs. White practice what she **preached** on diet? Note what she wrote in 1869:

“**I have not changed my course since I adopted the health reform. I have not taken one step back since the light from heaven upon this subject first shone**”



I'll have a diet vinegar please.

upon my pathway. I broke away from everything at once, from meat and butter, and from three meals. I left off those things from principle. I took my stand on health reform from principle.” (Testimonies, Volume 2, pp. 371-372).

Mrs. White claimed to have taken her stand **prior to 1869**, yet **four years later** we find her eating deer and duck:

“A young man from Nova Scotia had come in from hunting. He had a quarter of deer. He had traveled 20 miles with this deer upon his back. **He gave us a small piece of the meat, which we made into broth. Willie shot a duck which came in a time of need, for our supplies were rapidly diminishing.**” (Manuscript 11, 1873. Released by the Ellen G. White Estate, Washington, D.C., April 11, 1985; MR 14, p.353).

Mrs. White was still **privately eating UNCLEAN MEAT A FULL 13 YEARS AFTER HER PUBLIC COMMITMENT!** In this 1882 excerpt from a letter to her daughter-in-law, Mary Kelsey White, she expresses her fondness for herring and oysters:

“Mary, if you can get me a good box of **herrings**, fresh ones, please do so. These last ones that Willie got are bitter and old. If you can buy cans, say a half dozen cans of good tomatoes, please do so. We shall need them. **IF YOU CAN GET A FEW CANS OF GOOD OYSTERS, GET THEM.**” (Letter 16, 1882, dated May 31, 1882, from Healdsburg, California).

According to Dr. John Kellogg, Mrs. White celebrated her return from Europe in 1887 with “a large baked fish.” When she visited the Battle Creek Sanitarium during the next several years, she “always called for meat and usually fried chicken,” much to the consternation of Kellogg and the cook who were both vegetarians. **At the various camp meetings she attended, her lax dietary habits became common knowledge**, thanks in no small part to her own children. Kellogg recalled once hearing Edson (J.E.) White standing in front of his mother's tent calling out to a meat wagon that visited the grounds regularly:

“Say, hello there! Have you any fresh fish?” “No,” was his reply. “Have you got any fresh chicken?” Again the answer was “no,” and J.E. bawled out in a very loud voice, “Mother wants some chicken. You had better get some quick.” (Kellogg letter to Ballenger, January 9, 1936).

Years after his mother's death Willie White told of his mother's difficulty in giving up meat. He described the difficulty in finding vegetarian cooks, and of lunch baskets filled with turkey, chicken, and tinned tongue. (Prophetess of Health, pp.171-172).

It was not until 1894 that Mrs. White finally gave up meat eating **at the insistence of a CATHOLIC WOMAN!** Catholic? Yes, you read it right. The SDA's are supposed to be anti-Catholic.

“I have a large family, which often numbers sixteen. In it there are men who work at the plough, and who fell trees. These have most vigorous exercise, but not a particle of the flesh of animals on our table. Meat has not been used by us since the Brighton (Australia) Campmeeting (January, 1894). It was not my purpose to have it on my table at any time, but urgent pleas were made that such a one was unable to eat this or that, and that his stomach could take care of meat better than it could anything else. Thus I was enticed to place it on my table. The use of cheese also began to creep in, because some like cheese; but I soon controlled that. **But when the selfishness of taking the lives of animals to gratify a perverted taste was presented to me by a Catholic woman, kneeling at my feet, I felt ashamed and distressed. I saw it in a new light, and I said, I will no longer**

patronize the butchers. I will not have the flesh of corpses on my table." (Spalding and Magan, p.38).

Apparently her heavenly communications with angels were not enough to convince Mrs. White to give up meat. **It took a Catholic woman begging her to give up meat on the basis that it was wrong to take the lives of animals!** It makes one wonder how much confidence she had in her own visions!

Mrs. White on butter

Mrs. White said she gave up eating butter in 1869. She further stated in 1870:

"No butter or flesh-meats of any kind come on my table." (Testimonies, Volume 2, p.487).

Seventh-day Adventist president A.G. Daniels, who knew Mrs. White for over 40 years, stated at a conference meeting in 1919:

"I have eaten **pounds of butter** at her table myself, and dozens of eggs."

Mrs. White on cheese and eggs

"Cheese is wholly unfit for food." (CDF 368).

"Cheese should never be introduced into the stomach." (Testimonies to the Church, Volume 2, p.68).

"Eggs should not be placed upon your table. They are an injury to your children." (Testimonies to the Church, Volume 2, p.400).

"We bare positive testimony against tobacco, rich cakes, spirituous liquors, snuff, tea, coffee, **flesh meats, butter**, spice, mince pies." (Testimonies to the Church, Volume 3, p.21).

Mrs. White places "meat, butter and cheese" in the same category as tobacco and liquor. This is contrary to the Bible for **Jesus Himself ate fish**. (Luke 24:41-43). In John 21:9-12 we find that Jesus prepared flesh meat and said to his disciples, "Come and eat." The Bible tells us that **Jesus ate butter** (Isaiah 7:15). Mrs. White said, "Do not eat," but Jesus said, "Come and dine." Paul said, "that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**; ...commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." (1 Timothy 4:1,3). The Bible clearly declares that to teach to abstain from meats is a "departing from the faith".

Did Mrs. White believe her own testimonies?

Now, it is obvious from these quotations that Mrs. White wasn't following the very health principles that she claimed she received from God and insisted others follow. Her practices were clearly not in line with her teachings. Jesus had something to say about people who placed burdensome requirements on others while not obeying those requirements themselves:

"For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." (Matthew 23:4).

In the *Didache*, an early Christian document believed to have been written around the first century A.D., the author advises early Christians on how to identify a false prophet:

“If any prophet teaches the truth, yet does not practice what he teaches, he is a false prophet.”
(Didache 11:10).

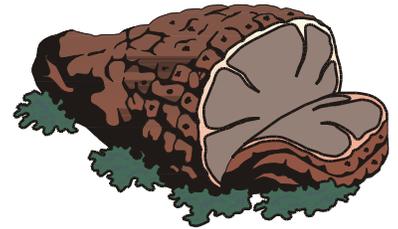
CONTRADICTION TESTIMONIES ON PORK

Mrs. White frequently warned against pork:

“**Never should one morsel of swine's flesh be placed upon your table.**” (Testimonies, Volume 2, p.3).

What few are aware of is a testimony written in the late 1850's in which Mrs. White **rebukes the Curtis family in Iowa for NOT EATING PORK.** (Note: This testimony was written prior to Mrs. White's visit to the [Jackson's health institute](#) in New York).

“If God requires His people to abstain from swine's flesh, He will convict them on the matter. He is just as willing to show His honest children their duty, as to show their duty to individuals upon whom He has not laid the burden of His work. If it is the duty of the church to abstain from swine's flesh, God will discover it to more than two or three. He will teach His church their duty.” (Testimonies, Volume 1, p.206).



Mrs. White also says of pork that it is nourishing and strengthening food:

“They who labor with their hands must nourish their strength to perform this labor, and those also who labor in the Word and doctrine must nourish their strength. They should eat of nourishing and strengthening food to build up their strength. I saw that your views concerning swine's flesh would prove no injury to you if you have them to yourself; but in your judgment and opinion you have made this question a test.” (Testimonies, Volume 1, pp.206,207).

Analysis

A Testimony of God's Spirit?

Brother and Sister Curtis studied their Bibles and came to the conclusion that eating pork was wrong. How did Mrs. White respond? Did she congratulate them for their good, scholarly Bible study? What message does God have for them? Is God pleased that this family is ahead of their time in realizing the dangers of eating pork? Apparently not!

Mrs. White soundly rebuked them! If brother Curtis's health practices were in accordance with God's health plans, why would God's messenger rebuke him?

H.E. Carver, an early Adventist who was friends with the Curtis family, shares what happened to this family:

“Brother and Sister Curtis were among my most intimate friends for many years, and as we lived side by side a portion of the time, I knew some of the circumstances connected with the vision instruction given above. Sister Curtis was a very conscientious woman, and becoming satisfied, long before any movement was made in that direction by Elder and Mrs. White, that pork-eating was injurious, she tried to banish it from the table. This produced trouble. Sister Curtis was a sincere believer in Mrs. White's divine inspiration, and from the extract given above, it appears that she must

have written to her for instructions, which she received as above; and that professedly through vision. Brother Curtis also stated that Elder White had endorsed on the back of the letter the following in substance: **That you may know how we stand on this question, I would say that we have just put down a two hundred pound porker.**" ([Mrs. E.G. White's Claims to Divine Inspiration Examined](#), 2nd edition, 1877).

Was God the **source** of Ellen White's testimonies? Or were others influencing her? Why the strong rebuke of this family? Could it be because James White had come out in favor of eating pork a few years earlier?

James White's article on pork

In 1850, James White wrote an article defending the eating of pork by Christians. Here is how he concludes the article:

"Some of our good brethren have added '**swine's flesh**' to the catalogue of things forbidden by the Holy Ghost, and the apostles and elders assembled at Jerusalem. But we feel called upon to protest against such a course, as being contrary to the plain teaching of the holy scriptures. Shall we lay a greater 'burden' on the disciples than seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and the holy apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ? God forbid. Their decision, being right, settled the question with them, and was a cause of rejoicing among the churches, and **it should forever settle the question with us.**" (The Present Truth, Vol. 1, November 1850, No. 11, "Swine's Flesh").



But in her book, *Testimonies to the Church*, concerning this matter Ellen White wrote:

"It is just as much sin to violate the laws of our being as to break one of the Ten Commandments." In other words, **eating a slice of bacon is a sinful as committing adultery.** And, "the use of swine's flesh is contrary to his (God's) express commandments". (Testimonies to the Church, Volume 2, pp.70,96; respectively).

In the Seventh-day Adventist "Amazing Facts" booklet on page 3, the question is asked, "but I like pork, will God destroy me if I eat it?" Answer: "This may be shocking, but it is true and must be told. The Bible positively states that all that eat "swine's flesh," the "mouse" and other unclean things will be destroyed with fire at the coming of the Lord."

Which Testimonies are right and which are wrong? Not only do they contradict each other but they are unbiblical.

MORE BIBLE CONTRADICTIONS

CAN MINISTERS EAT MEAT?

Ellen G. White: "Let not any of our ministers set an **EVIL EXAMPLE IN THE EATING OF FLESH-MEAT.** Let them and their families live up to the light of health reform. Let not our ministers animalize their own nature and the nature of their children." (Spalding and Magan, p.211).

Holy Bible: "And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover (lamb) with you before I suffer:" (Luke 22:15).

NOTE: The traditional passover dinner which Jesus ate with His disciples included eating a roasted lamb: “And they **shall eat the flesh in that night**, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.” (Exodus 12:8).

When Elijah was by the brook Cherith, “... the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and **bread and flesh in the evening**; and he drank of the brook.” (1 Kings 17:6).

Why did God feed Elijah with bread and “flesh” if that would set an “evil example”? Why not bread and cucumbers; or bread and carrots?

IS IT A SIN TO BE SICK?

Ellen G. White: “It is a sin to be sick; for all sickness is the result of transgression.” (Counsels on Health, p.37 and Health Reformer, August 1, 1866).

Holy Bible: “So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.” (Job 2:7).

NOTE: How could all sickness be the result of transgression? God Himself said that Job was “a **perfect and an upright man.**” (Job 2:3). Paul had a “thorn” in his body that was making him weak. (see 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Was it a sin for Paul to have this condition in his body?

It is a matter of record that ELLEN WHITE WAS FREQUENTLY ILL. Does this mean that she was a frequent sinner?

ELLEN WHITE AND FAILED PROPHECIES

Mrs. White and her followers claim that she had the “spirit of prophecy” from December 1844, to the end of her life, August 1915, seventy-one years. During these long years she wrote over twenty volumes. All this time she claimed that the future was being revealed to her, and predicted what would happen. Here her claims can be examined and tested.

God's prophets foretold definite things to occur; named persons and cities, and told what would happen to each. Joseph foretold the seven years of plenty and seven years of famine (Genesis 41); Samuel told Saul that the kingdom would be taken from him and given to another (1 Samuel 15:28); Isaiah named Cyrus two hundred years before he was born (Isaiah 44:28); Jeremiah foretold the fall of Babylon (Jeremiah 51); Jesus warned of the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24). Scores of such cases could be given.

But **where are the fulfilled predictions of Mrs. White** during her seventy-one years of prophesying? What definite events did she foretell to occur at definite times and to definite cities? Where are these prophecies? At first she did venture to foretell a few things definitely, **BUT THEY ALL FAILED.**

After that she invariably put everything in general terms, not venturing to name definitely any persons or cities or places or time. She predicted different things all in general terms. Anyone could do that safely, without any prophetic gift. If she really had the spirit of prophecy, that should have been the outstanding feature of her books. Instead of this, her ‘Testimonies’ and other **books are**

devoted almost wholly to personal matters, expositions of the Bible, and to practical subjects regarding Christian conduct and duty, the same as any intelligent religious teacher could write.

Once in her early work she did venture to predict the curse of God upon a definite person, Moses Hull. In 1862 he was about to give up his faith in Adventism. Mrs. White wrote him thus: "If you proceed in the way you have started, **misery and woe are before you**. God's hand will arrest you in a manner that will not suit you. His wrath will not slumber." (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, pp. 430,431). Mr. Hull **lived on many long years to a ripe old age, AND NOTHING OF THE KIND PREDICTED HAPPENED**. After this she threatened many, but always in general terms.

Predictions About the Civil War

The Civil War of 1861-65 placed Seventh-day Adventists in a trying position. They could not engage in war and keep the Sabbath. She says:

"January 4, 1862, I was shown some things in regard to our nation." (Testimonies, Vol.1, p.253).

"It is all a bitter denunciation of Lincoln's administration and his management of the war. Every move had been wrong, and only defeat was prophesied. Mr. Lincoln, in his need, asked the prayers of all Christians, and appointed days of fasting and prayer. Of these Mrs. White said: 'I saw that these national fasts were an insult to Jehovah. A national fast is proclaimed! Oh, what an insult to Jehovah!'" (Testimonies, Vol. 1, p.257).

That was the way she sympathized with Mr. Lincoln and the nation in the hour of need. Again, Mrs. White said:

"This nation will yet be humbled into the dust. When England does declare war, all nations will have an interest of their own to serve, and there will be general war." (Ibid, p.259).

IT NEVER CAME. HERE, AGAIN, HER PROPHECY WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE. OUR NATION WAS NOT HUMBLING INTO THE DUST. ENGLAND DID NOT DECLARE WAR.

Mrs. White interpreted the Civil War as a sign of **THE END OF THE WORLD**, just as Adventists had interpreted the European war. She says:

"The scenes of earth's history are fast closing." (Ibid, p.260).

Under the heading, 'The Rebellion,' she says:

"The one all-important inquiry which should now engross the mind of everyone is, Am I prepared for the day of God? **Time will last a little longer.**" (p.363).

Since then two generations have gone. Mrs. White, Elder White, and all who then preached and heard that warning, are laid away. They needed no such warning, for they did not live to see that day, as she then predicted. **Failure, failure, failure** is marked by ineradicable letters against **all her predictions**.

During those dark days of the Civil War, **Mrs. White privately warned our married people not to have any more children.** Time was so short, and the seven last plagues were so soon to fall, that children born then would be liable to perish. But children born since then are now grandparents!

MORE OF ELLEN G. WHITE'S FAILED PROPHECIES

4. "I have seen that the 1843 chart (William Miller's) was directed by the hand of the Lord and that it should not be altered that the figures were as he wanted them." (Early Writings, p.64, edition 1882). (**THE CHART MENTIONED PREDICTED THE END OF THE WORLD IN 1843**).
5. **Ellen White loses the vision:** "In our frequent change of location in the earlier history of the publishing work, and I have crossed the plains no less than 17 times, **I LOST ALL TRACE OF THE FIRST PUBLISHED WORKS.** And here I pause to state that any of our people having in their possession a copy of any or all of my first views, as published prior to 1851, will do me a great favor if they will send them to me without delay." (Selected Messages, Book 1, p.60).
6. **E.G. WHITE PROPHESIED THE WORLD WOULD END IN 1843, 1844, 1845 AND 1851:** "Now time is almost finished, (1851) and what we have been 6 years in learning they will have to learn in months." (Early Writings, p.57).
7. "I saw the state of the different churches since the second angel proclaimed their fall (in 1844). They have been growing more and more corrupt. Satan has taken full possession of the churches as a body. Their professions, their prayers and their exhortations are an abomination in the sight of GOD." (Spiritual Gifts, Vol 1, p.189).
8. **White blames her failed prophecy on the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church:** "Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history." (Selected Messages, Book 1, p.299).
9. **Concerning some of her revelations:** "In one of her visions her accompanying angels told her that **the time of salvation for all sinners ended in 1844.** She now claims the door of mercy is still open. In another vision she discovered that women should wear short dresses with pants and she and her sister followers dressed this way for eight years. But the ridiculous custom has now been abandoned." (Biederwolf, Seventh-Day Adventism, p.81).
10. **She also affirms that her visits to heaven were easily made:** After having left there during one of her visits an angel "handed me a green cord coiled up closely. This he directed me to place next to my heart, and when I wished to see Jesus, take from my bosom and stretch it to the utmost. He cautioned me not to let it remain coiled for any length of time lest it should become knotted and difficult to straighten."
11. "I was shown the company present at the Conference. Said the angel: Some food for worms, some subject to the last plagues, **SOME WILL BE ALIVE AND REMAIN UPON THE EARTH TO BE TRANSLATED AT THE COMING OF JESUS.**" (Vol.1, p.131).

NOTE: THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE IN 1856 and every one present in that meeting **IS NOW DEAD.** Obviously, this was a false prophecy. Some SDA's, in trying to extricate themselves from

the dilemma of this false statement, have argued that had God's people been faithful the Lord would have come long ago. But this excuse will not hold water, because God knew ahead of time what would happen. And Mrs. White made no conditions for the fulfillment of her prophecy. Her statement is plain and to the point.

12. "Thousands have been induced to enlist with the understanding that this war to exterminate slavery, but now that they are fixed, they find that they have been deceived, **that the object of this war is not to abolish slavery, but to preserve it.**" (Vol.1, pp.254,258).

NOTE: We know now that the Civil War in the USA did indeed abolish slavery. **Mrs. White was wrong.**

13. "Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters which gave us the day and hour of Jesus coming. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Spirit." (Vol.1, p.59).

NOTE: In this reference Mrs. White claims that the Lord gave her the day and hour of His coming. In Matthew 24:36, Jesus said, "**But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only.**" And, of course, we know today she was wrong because Jesus did not come when she expected Him.

14. On pages 42-45 of *Early Writings*, Mrs. **White describes a closing of a door in the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary**, and an opening in the most holy place (in 1844), that the "**midnight cry**" was finished at the seventh month **1844**, (see p.43), that then was the "sealing time", and that **the time for salvation for sinners had passed** (p.45).

All the above statements have been proven false by the fact that **CHRIST DID NOT RETURN TO EARTH IN 1844**. The "**midnight cry**" **WAS NOT FINISHED IN 1844**, FOR THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT HE DID THIS AT HIS ASCENSION (See Hebrews 6:19; 9:24). The time for the salvation of sinners did **NOT** pass in 1844. If it did WE ARE IN GREAT TROUBLE (LOST) TODAY!

15. Mrs. White taught that in the communion service the sisters should wash the feet of the brethren (*Early Writings*, p.117).

NOTE: Now this is considered so out of order that even SDA's do not follow this instruction.

Why Her Prophecies Failed?

"Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history." (Selected Messages, Book 1, p.299).

She blamed it on the Seventh-day Adventist church members!

DOES MRS. WHITE PASS THE BIBLICAL TESTS OF A PROPHET?

The Apostle John commands us to test the prophets:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1).

The reason John gives for us to test the prophets is because there are **many** false prophets. Jesus also warned of false prophets in the last days:

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were possible*, they shall deceive the very elect.”
(Matthew 24:24).

Jesus says that false prophets will arise who appear so much like true prophets that even the very elect will be in danger of being deceived by them! Therefore, it is **critically important** that we test the prophets and prove whether or not they are of God.

TEST #1: Prophecies must be fulfilled

THE FALSE PROPHECY OF 1856



Mrs. White made a SPECIFIC prediction of a future event. Probably her most famous failure was made in 1856. While attending a conference **she predicted that** some of those attending would be “translated” without seeing death. **Obviously, all the participants at that conference are all dead now, thereby making the prophecy false. This prophecy is unique because most of Mrs. White's references to future events are couched in vague generalities.**

“I was shown the company present at the Conference. Said the angel: Some food for worms, some subjects of the seven last plagues, some will be alive and remain upon the earth to be translated at the coming of Jesus.” (Testimonies, Volume 1, p.131).

DID THE ANGEL LIE?

Notice that only the Father knows the day and the hour He is returning:

“But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matthew 24:36).

Notice that the angels do not know the day and the hour of Christ's return! If the angels do not know this information, how could they tell Ellen White that some of those present at the 1856 conference would be translated?

Think about this:

God is omniscient. He is all-knowing. He knows the future. God knows the exact day and the exact hour He is returning to earth. (**Matthew 24:36**). He has known that exact day and exact hour since before the world was created.

God cannot lie. (**Titus 1:2**). Therefore, it is an absolute impossibility that God could have told His angels He was returning within the life span of the people at the 1856 conference. If He had told his angels that he was returning in the 1800's, while knowing all along that the day and hour were yet far into the future, He would be a liar.

Why would God, who knows the exact time of His return, allow His angel to tell His prophet something which He knew all along was NOT going to happen?

“But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, IF THE THING FOLLOW NOT, NOR COME TO PASS, THAT IS THE THING WHICH THE LORD HATH NOT SPOKEN, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:20,22).

Some have suggested that predictions written out in the Great Controversy, such as the United States in prophecy and enforced Sunday observance, appear to be coming to pass, and this proves Mrs. White to be a prophet. The idea of Sunday observance being the “Mark of the Beast” was first advanced by Joseph Bates in the 1840's before he even met the Whites. The United States in prophecy, the “mark of the beast,” the “image to the beast,” had all come out earlier in [James White's book, “Life Incidents”](#), published in 1875. Comparison shows that words, sentences, quotations, thoughts, ideas, structures, paragraphs, and even total pages were taken from it and put in *Great Controversy*.

TEST #2: Cannot have falsehood in their visions

“Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 23:32).

In the period of 1844-1850, a time when Mrs. White was receiving frequent public visions, she claimed on a number of occasions to have seen in vision the [door of salvation shut](#) for all those who were not part of the 1844 Millerite movement. This was an **ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD**, and this doctrine was eventually discarded by the Adventists in the early 1850's. Mrs. White's visions were successful in convincing a few early believers that the door of salvation was shut. In other words, **Mrs. White's visions convinced her followers to believe a false doctrine!**

TEST #3: Cannot steal writings from others

The Bible identifies false prophets as those who steal their writings from others:

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.” (Jeremiah 23:21,30).

Much has been written on Mrs. White's [extensive plagiarism](#) of the writings of others. Prior to the publication of [Walter Rea's, The White Lie](#), in 1983, Adventists maintained that 8% to 10% of Mrs. White's work was copied. The SDA church hired Adventist scholar Dr. Fred Veltman to examine the *Desire of Ages* and he found **30% or more**, depending upon the chapter examined. After great expense and almost eight years of research, Veltman confirmed what other studies showed, that depending upon the material examined, the copy work could be as **much as 90%**. Dr. Veltman noted:

“Implicitly or explicitly, Ellen White and others speaking on her behalf did not admit to and even denied literary dependency on her part.”

“I must admit at the start that in my judgment this is the most serious problem to be faced in connection with Ellen White's literary dependency. It strikes at the heart of her honesty, her integrity, and therefore her trustworthiness.” (Ministry, December 1990, pp.11,14).

Dr. Don McAdams, an SDA scholar, stated in the 1980 Glendale meeting:

“If every paragraph in the book *Great Controversy*, written by Ellen White, was properly footnoted, THEN EVERY PARAGRAPH would have to be footnoted.”

TEST #4: Cannot contradict the Word of God

“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.” (1 Timothy 6:3-5).

A close examination of Mrs. White's writings shows:

- Mrs. White's writings contradict the Bible more than 50 times.
- Some of Mrs. White's doctrines, such as the *Investigative Judgment*, cannot be supported from Scripture.
- Mrs. White goes beyond the Word of God and sets up requirements not found in the Bible.

[Notice other portions of this book and examine the evidence.](#)

TEST #5: Must acknowledge Paul's writings as God's Commandments

“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 14:37).

Did Mrs. White follow Paul's commandments? Because this is very controversial, let us allow the Word of God to speak for itself. Just three verses earlier Paul gives a commandment to the church:

“Let your WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES: for it is NOT PERMITTED UNTO THEM TO SPEAK; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for IT IS A SHAME FOR WOMEN TO SPEAK IN THE CHURCH.” (1 Corinthians 14:34-35).

“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I SUFFER NOT A WOMAN TO TEACH, NOR TO USURP AUTHORITY OVER THE MAN, but to be in silence.” (1 Timothy 2:11-12).

The Arrest and Trial of Israel Dammon

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Recently resurrected newspaper accounts of a February 1845 weekend incident in Atkinson, Maine, involving Ellen Harmon (later married to James White), James White, Dorinda Baker, Israel Dammon, and others, **call into question the reliability of Ellen White's autobiographical sketches.**

The earliest existing eyewitness accounts of Ellen Harmon in vision are accounts that include as part of **SWORN COURTROOM TESTIMONY** the activities that led to Dammon's arrest. The most historically significant find was an article in the 7 March 1845 *Piscataquis Farmer* under the heading "Trial of Elder I. Dammon." This Dover, Maine, weekly newspaper provided a 124-column-inch abridgment of the court reporter's transcript of Dammon's February 17 and 18 arraignment and trial.

Small pockets of believers were scattered throughout the northeast. The meetings (**attended by Miss Harmon**), who met almost exclusively in private homes, were characterized by the "holy" **salutation kiss, loud shouting** and singing, **physical prostration's, promiscuous (mixed) foot-washing**, multiple baptisms by immersion, **odd exhibitions of voluntary humility (i.e. crawling and barking)**. (Read that last sentence again – kissing, crawling and barking.) Did you say, "barking?" A woman, at the meeting, got on her hands and knees, and crept over the floor like a child. A man, in the same position, followed her, butting her occasionally with his head. Another man threw himself at full length upon his back on the bed, and presently **three women crossed him with their bodies.** Ellen Harmon moved continuously among these Adventist extremists.

Newspaper Accounts

The meeting was presided over by a former sea captain from Exeter, Israel Dammon, and featured two visionaries: Miss Dorinda Baker of Orrington, and Miss Ellen Harmon of Portland, as well as Elders Hall, White and Wood. Prosecution



witness William Crosby, a 37 year old attorney who attended the Saturday night meeting, described it in court two days later:

"They would at times all be talking at once, halloing at the top of their voices... A woman on the floor lay on her back with a pillow under her head; she would occasionally arouse up and tell a vision which she said was revealed to her... By spells it was the **most noisy assembly I ever attended** - there was **no order or regularity**, nor anything that resembled any other meeting I ever attended..."

Before she met Israel Dammon, Ellen Harmon's first vision (December 1844) clearly indicates that she believed in "washing one another's feet and saluting the brethren with a holy kiss."

What Mrs. White wrote Joseph Bates of the Exeter meeting with Dammon, James, and others obviously was not intended as a description of the meeting as a whole; but what she did portray had **THE FLAVOR OF A CHARISMATIC SERVICE**. She and Sister Durben were both “struck down” or **"SLAIN UPON THE FLOOR."** And Durben was shouting while Harmon was in vision.

Witnesses at the Dammon trial **agreed that for several weeks he had been presiding over meetings at Garland, Exeter, and Atkinson; and that he was teaching and practicing no more salvation for sinners, “holy kissing”, foot-washing, creeping, and rebaptism.**

Jeremiah B. Green, under oath, said: “I attended an afternoon meeting a fortnight ago yesterday (Sunday, 2 February 1845)...elder Dammon was the presiding elder.” There Green witnessed foot-washing and “saw Dammon kiss Mrs. Osborn.”

Deputy sheriff Moulton testified that when he notified Dammon that he was under arrest, “a number of woman jumped on him - he clung to them, and they to him.” Moulton said that “so great was the resistance” that he had to send twice for reinforcements to help him and the three assistants who accompanied him. “We were resisted by both men and women.”

Rebaptism

Witnesses at Dammon's trial testified that Miss Harmon presented some individuals visiting the James Ayer, Jr. home that Saturday evening with painful alternatives: they could undergo an icy baptism (**in the middle of winter**) that very night or “go to hell.” Loton Lambert informed the court that Harmon:

“told her vision to a cousin of mine, that she must be baptized that night or go to hell - she objected, because she had once been baptized.”

Isley Osborn, a friendly witness, stated:

“She told them their cases had been made known to her by the Lord, and if they were not baptized that evening, they would go to hell. We believed her...”

The Holy Kiss

The New England populace was scandalized by newspaper accounts of the promiscuous public kissing that attended the home meetings of fanatical, post-disappointment Millerites.

The subject of kissing came up repeatedly at the trial of Israel Dammon, with variations on the word (e.g. kiss, kissed, kissing) occurring at least twenty-six times. Witnesses for the accused stoutly defended the practice.

One particular instance of this “exercise” that received so much attention at the trial had more the flavor of a make-up kiss than a holy kiss. Dorinda Baker, the other visionist present, approached Joel Doore saying, “You have refused me before.” Doore recalled Miss Baker saying that he “had thought hard of her.” Doore became “satisfied of my error, and...we kissed each other with the holy kiss.” Loton Lambert was watching and testified that Miss Baker had said, “that feels good.” Joel Doore remembered, “When she kissed me, she said there was light ahead.”

Job Moody testified that “kissing is a salutation of love...we have got positive scripture for it...” And Isley Osborn added, “It is a part of our faith.”

Ellen White later wrote in agreement. Including herself among the 144,000 she stated:

“Then it was that the synagogue of Satan ‘fallen Adventists’, who had given up 1844 as a mistake, and ‘the nominal churches’ knew that God loved us who could...salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshipped at our feet.” **(Curiously, the highlighted words were omitted from the sixth edition of *Spiritual Gifts 2.*)**

James Ayer, Jr., the man in whose Atkinson home Dammon was arrested, witnessed to the court that “it is a part of our faith to kiss each other - brothers kiss sisters and sisters kiss brothers, I think we have biblical authority for that.” Mrs. White concurred, citing 1 Thess. 5:26. In fact, all of the specific instances of kissing mentioned in the Dammon trial abridgment were KISSES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX: Joel Doore with Dorinda Baker, Israel Dammon with Mrs. Isley Osborn, and Dammon with Mrs. George Woodbury.

AN ACTUAL WITNESS

Mrs. Lucinda Bodge Burdick published the following in an 1874 issue of *The World's Crisis*. Mrs. Burdick had become well acquainted with Ellen Harmon and James White when the three of them stayed together several times in 1845 at the home of Josiah Little (Burdick's uncle) in South Windham, Maine:

“At the time of my first acquaintance with them (James White and Ellen Harmon) in early 1845 they were **IN A WILD FANATICISM**, - used to sit on the floor instead of chairs, and creep around the floor like little children. They were **NOT MARRIED BUT TRAVELING TOGETHER**. Considerable scandal was created by the intimacy of this man and woman, but the “talk” gradually subsided after their marriage in 1846.”

MAJOR DOCTRINAL ERRORS OF ADVENTISTS

1. **ANNIHILATION OF THE WICKED:** Adventists teach that sin and sinners will be blotted out of existence and burned up in the Lake of Fire.

SCRIPTURAL REPROOF: (Hell is a place of eternal punishment.) “And these shall go way into **everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal.” (Matt. 25:46). “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in **TORMENTS**, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he **CRIED** and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and **cool my tongue**; for I am **TORMENTED** in this **flame**.” (Luke 16:23,24).

“...If **any man** worship the beast...he shall be **TORMENTED** with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their **TORMENT** ascendeth up **FOR EVER AND EVER**; and they **HAVE NO REST DAY NOR NIGHT...**” (Rev. 14:9-11).

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet **ARE**, and shall be **TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER.**” (Rev. 20:10).

NOTE: The beast and false prophet in the above verse had already been in the Lake of Fire for 1000 years. The Bible says that they are still there in torment.

EVERLASTING means “Lasting or enduring forever; eternal; existing or continuing without end.” (Webster’s American Dictionary Vol. I, p.75).

2. **SOUL SLEEP:** Adventists teach soul sleep (as do the Jehovah’s Witnesses). They say that when a person dies he is reduced to unconsciousness and inactivity and stays asleep in the grave until **the final resurrection.**

SCRIPTURAL REPROOF: A saved person goes to be with Christ, 2 Cor. 5:8 says, “We are **CONFIDENT** I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be **PRESENT WITH THE LORD.**”

“For me to live is Christ, and TO DIE IS GAIN...For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to **DEPART AND TO BE WITH CHRIST: WHICH IS FAR BETTER.**” (Phil. 1:21-23).

Revelation 6:9-11 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar **the souls of them that were slain** for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a **loud voice**, saying. How long, O Lord, holy and true, cost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

Now, coming into the second half of the Tribulation down on earth, John sees under the fifth seal “an altar”, and under this “altar” the “souls” who have been slain for the word of God, for the “testimony that they held.”

These martyred people, **who have been killed**, are pictured as “**souls.**” Notice that they have **voices, memories, and a body which can wear a white robe.**

The passage reveals that a “soul” is **not** like a croquet ball, or a tennis ball, or a baseball, stuck away in your body somewhere. **A SOUL IS A BODILY SHAPE WHICH IS SHAPED EXACTLY LIKE THE “BODY OF FLESH.”** The soul, being the seat of the emotions, is a bodily-shaped, invisible type of “ghost.”

In Luke 16, the rich man in hell **had a tongue, eyes, voice**, and yet his physical body was buried in the grave. There is no argument at all about “the grave”. The Bible clearly teaches that the physical body goes to the grave and rots. Hell is not the grave, and the grave is not hell. In Luke 16 the body is not in hell, the body is in the grave. The soul is in hell. (Every cult in the world, denies that Luke 16 is literal.) But even if a person rejects Luke 16 there are still numerous other passages that disprove soul sleep.

The “soul”, in the Bible, has a bodily shape, and **IT LEAVES THE BODY AT DEATH.** (You’ll find this reference in Genesis 35:18 when Rachel died; her soul “was in departing.”)

(Gen 35:18) “And it came to pass, **AS HER SOUL WAS IN DEPARTING**, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.”

We have a case in the Old Testament of **a soul leaving, and then coming back** again into a child. The child was **actually declared dead**, and then he returned, as we find it in “modern science.” (1 Ki 17:21-22). “And he (Elijah) stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, LET THIS CHILD'S SOUL **COME INTO** HIM AGAIN. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; AND THE SOUL OF THE CHILD **CAME INTO** HIM AGAIN. AND HE REVIVED.”

(The case in the Old Testament is several thousand years ahead of the best medical science.) The Bible then reveals something unknown to the physical scientists, and there is nothing in psychology that could come anywhere near the correct truth of the matter.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER is that every man is built like a football. **He has an outside leather cover (his body), he has an inside rubber innertube (his soul—the same shape as the body), and if he is saved he is filled with air (the Spirit).** He is like a “flat tire” if he is unsaved. He is not a complete man until he is “born of the Spirit.”

(1 Thess 5:23) “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Look at Genesis 2:7- “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (**body**), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (**spirit**); and man became a living soul (**soul**).”

THE SOUL THEN IS A SPIRITUAL BODY—A SPIRITUAL BODY WITHIN A PHYSICAL BODY. (If you threw a sheet over it, it would **appear as a “ghost”**).

That is why when you are told of the death of someone in the Bible and their soul departs that they are said to have **“GIVEN UP THE GHOST.”**

(Gen 25:8) “Then Abraham **gave up the ghost**, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was **gathered to his people.**”

(Gen 25:17) “And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he **gave up the ghost** and died; and was **gathered unto his people.**”

(Gen 35:29) “And Isaac **gave up the ghost**, and died, and was **gathered unto his people**, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.”

The Adventists and Jehovah Witnesses are wrong. There is **no such thing as “soul sleep.”** (That is they teach the soul and body stay in the grave **until the final resurrection.**)

NOTE: The Bible says, (Rev 20:6) “Blessed and holy is he **THAT HATH PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION:** on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**” The problem is that the Adventists deal with the FINAL resurrection and not the FIRST resurrection. All **true born again believers** in the church age will have their part **in the FIRST resurrection.**

3. SABBATH KEEPING: They claim that you must keep the Sabbath.

SCRIPTURAL REPROOF: We as Christians do **NOT** have to keep the Sabbath today.

1. The Sabbath was a **“SIGN”** (Ezek. 20:20) given to the Jews because the Jews require a SIGN (1 Cor. 1 :22).



2. The Jews require a SIGN because their NATION began with SIGNS (Exod. 4).

3. The sign of the Sabbath was **unknown** to every man, woman and child in the book of Genesis **for more than 2000 years**, for it was **first revealed to Moses** on MT. SINAI in 1500 B.C. This explains why no one in Genesis ever kept or observed the Sabbath: Adam, Enoch, Seth, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, etc.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

“Wherefore the **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** SHALL KEEP THE SABBATH, to observe the sabbath throughout **THEIR** generations. It is **a SIGN BETWEEN ME AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**” (Ex. 31:16,17).

“Speak thou also unto the **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, saying, Verily my SABBATHS YE SHALL KEEP: For it is **a SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU.**” (Ex. 31:13).

“Moreover also I (God) gave them (**Israel**) my sabbaths, to be **a SIGN BETWEEN ME AND THEM.**” (Ezek. 20:12).

(Neh 9:13-14) “Thou camest down also **UPON MOUNT SINAI**, and spakest with **them** from heaven, and gavest **them** right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: **And MADEST KNOWN UNTO THEM THY HOLY SABBATH**, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, **by the hand of Moses** thy servant:”

(Did you note **WHEN** God made known His holy sabbath? It was **only in the time of Moses** to the Jews on Mt. Sinai. **Not before; they did not have the sabbath until then.**)

4. The heresy taught by the Adventists is based on the fact that since Genesis 2:1-3 speaks of the Sabbath as blessed and sanctified, everyone from that TIME (4000 B.C.) on kept it. This conveniently overlooks **THE BIBLICAL FACT** that Moses wrote Genesis 2:1-2 and did not write it until **400 YEARS AFTER ABRAHAM WAS DEAD.**

5. **THE FIRST DAY** was actually set apart as a sanctified day of rest **BEFORE the Sabbath**, according to Exodus 12:16, and these instructions were given to Moses and Israel **BEFORE any law was revealed on Mt. Sinai.**

6. **Christians in the New Testament do not meet on the Jewish Sabbath. They meet on the FIRST day of the week (Acts 20) and take up collection on the FIRST day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-4) and preach the FIRST day of the week (Acts 20:7) because their Saviour rose the FIRST day of the week (Luke 24, Matt. 28) and the Holy Spirit came down the FIRST day of the week (Acts 2:1-6).**

Now the way the Adventists throw out this barrage of New Testament truth is by **pretending** that there are two laws in the Old Testament which they call the “CEREMONIAL LAW” and the “MORAL LAW.” They classify the Jewish Sabbath as a MORAL LAW instead of a ceremonial law because it is found in the ten “moral” commandments at Sinai. This **overlooks five Biblical facts that deal with sound doctrine**, and it marks the Adventists as a cult perverting the word of God and twisting the Scriptures.

1. There are MORAL LAWS given right **in the same list** with CEREMONIAL LAWS (see Lev. 19:5-9, 11-12).

2. There are CEREMONIAL LAWS given right **in the same list** with MORAL LAWS (see Lev. 19:17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 30). Notice that the SABBATHS are ceremonial observances to be kept (Lev. 19:30).

3. The New Testament clearly forbids anyone judging you in respect to the ceremonial observances of ANY day (Col. 2:16). When giving the “ten MORAL COMMANDMENTS” in the “MORAL LAW” (to quote the Adventists), Paul purposely **OMITS THE SABBATH** or the observing of the SABBATH as a MORAL LAW OR A CEREMONIAL LAW (Rom. 13:8-10). According to Paul, **the Old Testament Sabbath is not a moral commandment for ANY Christian.**

4. Observe that the Old Testament laws on STONE (the “moral law” of the Ten Commandments) **WERE DONE AWAY WITH IN CHRIST** (2 Cor. 3), and the Christian's reason for observing the real moral commandment in that Ten (Paul omits the Sabbath from them: Rom. 13:8-10) **HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SALVATION**. It has to do with good health, testimony, spiritual success, answered prayer, and peace of mind (see Gal:5; Rom:6, 7; and Eph:4, 5). **No Christian was ever saved or was ever kept saved by keeping ANY of the commandments**—moral, ceremonial or otherwise (Gal. 2:16).

4. **FAITH PLUS WORKS SET UP:** They teach a person must work to stay saved. The Bible teaches faith and works **CANNOT MIX FOR SALVATION**. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: IT IS THE GIFT of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast.” (Eph. 2:8,9). Note also Rom. 4:48 and 11:6.

Ellen G. White wrote that a person cannot fully understand the Bible **WITHOUT HER WRITINGS**. White's visions are considered divine revelations. She claimed to have been caught up to heaven.

The Seventh Day Adventist movement has only been in existence since 1843. I wonder how people understood the Bible before she came along?

She said of her writings, “It is God, and not an erring mortal, that has spoken.” God gives a **WARNING** about this in Rev. 22:18: “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:”

“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer NOT A WOMAN TO TEACH, **NOR TO USURP AUTHORITY OVER THE MAN** but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, BUT THE WOMAN BEING DECEIVED WAS IN THE TRANSGRESSION.” (1 Tim. 2:11-14).

CONCLUSION: Ellen G. White very obviously was deceived, and so will be those that follow her teachings.

COMPARE MORMONISM'S JOSEPH SMITH WITH ELLEN WHITE!

NOTICE: The following quotes reveal striking similarities in experience and message. Please review these and draw your own conclusions.

Similar Early Experiences

Joseph Smith, <i>Pearl of Great Price</i>	Ellen White, <i>Testimonies I, Life Sketches</i>
...It seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction... 48:15	...it seemed to me as if I had been rescued from hell... 1T 31; LS 161
Thick darkness gathered around me and it seemed to me for a while as if I were doomed... 48:15	Total darkness settled upon me and there seemed no way out of the shadows... 1T 25; LS

	153
When I came to myself again, I found myself lying on my back, looking up into heaven. When the light departed I had no strength : But recovering in some degree I went home... 48:20	While I was lying helpless there, scenes of beauty and glory passed before me, and I seemed to have reached the safety and peace of heaven. At last my strength returned and I arose... 1T 29; LS 157
And as I leaned upon the fireplace, Mother inquired what the matter was. I replied, "Never mind, all is well--I am well enough off." I then said to my mother ... 48:20	I now confided all my sorrows and perplexities to my mother . She tenderly sympathized with and encouraged me... LS 157
...I took occasion to give him an account of the vision which I had had...he treated my communication...with great contempt, saying it was all of the devil ... 48:21	...I felt forbidden to relate my vision in such company... They denounced my visions as being of the devil ... LS 229;231
In consequence of these things, I often felt condemned for my weaknesses and imperfections; when, on the evening of the above-mentioned 21st of September after I had retired to my bed for the night I betook myself to prayer and supplications to the Almighty God for forgiveness of all my sins... 50:29	...words of condemnation rang in my ears day and night, and my constant cry to God was, "What shall I do to be saved?"...Sometimes for a whole night I would not dare to close my eyes, but would...kneel upon the floor, praying silently... 1T 23,26

Similarities in Message and Mission

Joseph Smith	Ellen White
God had a work for me... PGP 51:33	God has given me a work... 5T 19
And, behold, they will publish this, and Satan will harden the hearts of the people to stir them up to anger against you, that they will not believe my words. Thus Satan thinketh to over power your testimony in this generation, that the work may not come forth in this generation. DC 10:32,33	It was the spirit of Satan expressed in looks and words to make of none effect the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. ... And while it is called today, if you hear his voice, harden not your hearts , as in the provocation in the wilderness. <i>Special Testimony to the Battle Creek Church</i> , 9.
...the Book of Mormon...contains the truth and the word of God. DC 19:26	...In my books, the truth is stated, barricaded by a "Thus saith the Lord." Letter, March 6, 1906

Seventh-day Adventism written in 1914 by former Adventist D. Canright

Seventh-day Adventism originated around the 1830's in the work of William Miller, who set the time for the end of the world as 1843-1844. Adding some doctrines to the original faith, Elder James White and his wife became the leaders of the Seventh-day branch of Adventism in 1846.

Their Doctrines

In doctrine they differ radically from evangelical churches. Their main teachings were:

Belief that **only they** have a **correct understanding** of the prophecies to which they give most of their attention.

The end of the world would occur **in their generation**.

The time of judgment began in **1844**.

The seventh day, **Saturday**, must be observed.

Keeping Sunday is the mark of the beast.

Mrs. White is inspired as were the writers of the Bible which must be interpreted to harmonize with her writings.

The dead are unconscious (**soul sleep**).

The wicked and the devil will be **annihilated**.

All churches but their own are Babylon and **rejected of God**.

They have no fellowship with other Christians or work with them in any way, but **zealously proselyte from all denominations**. They use the Bible to teach their doctrines by **taking out of context and twisting the Scriptures**.

The Extent of Their Work

Their main mission is in the distribution of their literature. Every member, old and young, down to little children, distributes SDA tracts, papers and books. The result is their literature is widely scattered the world over. There is very little real spiritual power in it like the mighty power, which attended the work of the Apostles, Luther, Wesley, Moody and many others. Their work now extends to all parts of the civilized world and into many heathen lands. The number of their actual converts does not tell the harm they do. **Where they convert one they confuse a score, who after that, have no settled faith in any church, and are useless for any Christian work.**

Their Hostility to All Other Churches

One of the highly objectionable features of the SDA's is **their bitter hostility towards all other churches**. Their theory is that all churches but their own were utterly rejected of God in 1844 for not embracing Miller's doctrine. White says **it is the devil who answers their prayers**: "I saw them look up to the throne and pray, Father give us thy spirit; Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence." (Early Writings, p.47). All intelligent people know that such statements are a misrepresentation of the evangelical churches today. Elder White says: Other churches are "now the synagogue of Satan." (Present Truth, April, 1850).

They say that the revivals and conversions in the churches are largely a deception, the work of the devil, not of God. Mrs. White says of them: "The converts are not renewed in heart or changed in character. They will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will spread his influence over the land. HE HOPES TO DECEIVE MANY BY LEADING THEM TO THINK THAT GOD IS STILL WITH THE CHURCHES." (Great Controversy, p.294,296).

On this the Review and Herald, May 3, 1887, says: "**We are aware that to assume that this revival work, so unquestionably accepted by all the churches, is NOT genuine, will cause the hands of Christendom to be raised in holy horror..**" It is interesting to note that during this same time **literally thousands of people were coming to Christ through the preaching of men like**; Billy Sunday (one million people saved); Bob Jones Sr. (one million saved); D. L. Moody (close to a million saved); R. A. Torrey; Sam Jones; Wilbur Chapman; Mordecai Ham, Gipsy Smith; Peter

Cartright; Charles Finney; Scofield (author of the Scofield reference Bible); Mel Trotter (started 67 rescue missions); Harry Ironside and numerous others who preached the gospel to the lost.

Their Methods of Work

Tent Meetings: Largely they use tents to enter new fields. Being a novelty, they attract attention. At first they present subjects which will **offend no one** till they gain the confidence of the people. Gradually they introduce their peculiar dogmas, then come out more boldly, till at length they denounce all other churches as Babylon, and their pastors as hirelings and deceivers. They say these pastors cannot defend their doctrines; dare not try. They offer rewards to any who will prove so and so; boast how they have scared this one, defeated that one, and silenced another. When the resident pastors are compelled to defend themselves, the Adventists claim to be greatly abused.

Camp meeting: Adventists hold many yearly camp-meetings. Here their ablest speakers preach their doctrines to thousands, and distribute their literature widely. They hire the papers to print lengthy flattering reports of their meetings, **which they write themselves**. Their reporters are trained for this special work. They gain wide attention, and impress many in this way.



Bible Readings: They are trained with printed lessons which they learn by heart, to go from house to house and give Bible readings. At first they conceal their real objective and name, till they get a foothold. Then they cautiously introduce their tenets, work against pastors and churches, and lead many away.

Missions: They have missions in many of the large cities and in foreign lands; but **they are largely proselytizing agencies**. They do little among the heathen, or for the destitute and fallen, but go into the best families to which they can gain access, **and gather the converts whom other missionaries have made**. Thus Mrs. White instructs them: "Mistakes have been made in not seeking to reach ministers and the higher classes with the truth.... Educate men and women to labor for these higher classes both here and there and in other countries." (Testimony No. 33, pages 108, 109).

Where They Work: Adventists have **the best success in new fields, where they are least known**. In New England, where they started, they have had to struggle hard to hold their own. In some of the older fields they have lost in numbers, in others the gain is very small. In hundreds of places where they were fair-sized, active churches in the past, now no church at all, or a straggling, discouraged handful.

CONCLUSION

Dear Friend,

This book is only a small amount of vast information available concerning Ellen G. White and her various **false doctrines**.

If she were truly a real prophet then why were over **3,000 CHANGES MADE** in her original so called "**inspired**" writings. The reason is that **if** anyone in this day and age **really knew**

what was stated in HER ORIGINAL WRITINGS they **WOULD NOT BE A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**. Since her death, many areas of her writings have been **changed** or **eliminated**. **NOW IS THAT HONEST? NO!** A true prophet does not lie, present falsehoods or twist the scriptures.

We urge you to prayerfully consider what you have read and COME OUT of the Adventist movement. (Titus 3:10 & 2 John 1:9-11)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(John 8:32)

MAY WE ASK YOU A QUESTION?

If you were to die today, are you one hundred percent sure that you would go to heaven? You say, "Well no one can know that for sure." But, oh my friend, **YES YOU CAN!** **The Bible says that you can.** Wouldn't it be a blessing to **KNOW FOR SURE?**

If you would like help or spiritual counseling please write to the following address, we will be glad to correspond and try to be a help and blessing to you.

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