

1: The Teachings of Seventh-day-Adventism by Dr. John H. Gerstner | RPCNA Covenanter

Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as the only source of our beliefs. We consider our movement to be the result of the Protestant conviction Sola Scriptura—the Bible as the only standard of faith and practice for Christians.

William Miller predicted on the basis of Daniel 8: In the summer of 1830, Millerites came to believe that Jesus would return on October 22, 1830, understood to be the biblical Day of Atonement for that year. These Adventists came to the conviction that Daniel 8: The foremost proponent of Sabbath-keeping among early Adventists was Joseph Bates. Bates was introduced to the Sabbath doctrine through a tract written by Millerite preacher Thomas M. This message was gradually accepted and formed the topic of the first edition of the church publication *The Present Truth* now the *Adventist Review*, which appeared in July 1831. They embraced the doctrines of the Sabbath, the heavenly sanctuary interpretation of Daniel 8: Ellen White came to occupy a particularly central role; her many visions and spiritual leadership convinced her fellow Adventists that she possessed the gift of prophecy. The church was formally established in Battle Creek, Michigan, on May 21, 1844, with a membership of 3. Rapid growth continued, with 75 members in 1845. By this time the denomination operated two colleges, a medical school, a dozen academies, 27 hospitals, and 13 publishing houses. White was not one of them. The Adventist Church adopted Trinitarian theology early in the 20th century and began to dialogue with other Protestant groups toward the middle of the century, eventually gaining wide recognition as a Protestant church. Christianity Today recognized the Seventh-day Adventist church as "the fifth-largest Christian communion worldwide" in its January 22, 1960, issue. Seventh-day Adventist theology The official teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination are expressed in its 28 Fundamental Beliefs. This statement of beliefs was originally adopted by the General Conference in 1869, with an additional belief number 11 being added in 1927. Adventist doctrine resembles trinitarian Protestant theology, with premillennial and Arminian emphases. Adventists uphold teachings such as the infallibility of Scripture, the substitutionary atonement, the resurrection of the dead and justification by faith alone, and are therefore often considered evangelical. Sabbath fundamental belief Second Coming and End times fundamental beliefs 25— Jesus Christ will return visibly to earth after a "time of trouble", during which the Sabbath will become a worldwide test. The Second Coming will be followed by a millennial reign of the saints in heaven. Adventist eschatology is based on the historicist method of prophetic interpretation. Holistic human nature fundamental beliefs 7, Humans are an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit. They do not possess an immortal soul and there is no consciousness after death commonly referred to as "soul sleep". Christian anthropology Conditional immortality fundamental belief The wicked will not suffer eternal torment in hell, but instead will be permanently destroyed. Conditional immortality, Annihilationism Great Controversy fundamental belief 8: Humanity is involved in a "great controversy" between Jesus Christ and Satan. This is an elaboration on the common Christian belief that evil began in heaven when an angelic being Lucifer rebelled against the Law of God. Heavenly sanctuary fundamental belief At his ascension, Jesus Christ commenced an atoning ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. In 1844, he began to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary in fulfillment of the Day of Atonement. Investigative Judgment fundamental belief A judgment of professed Christians began in 1844, in which the books of record are examined for all the universe to see. The investigative judgment will affirm who will receive salvation, and vindicate God in the eyes of the universe as just in his dealings with mankind. Remnant fundamental belief There will be an end-time remnant who keep the commandments of God and have "the testimony of Jesus". Spirit of Prophecy fundamental belief The ministry of Ellen G. White is commonly referred to as the "Spirit of Prophecy" and her writings are considered "a continuing and authoritative source of truth", [29] though ultimately subject to the Bible. Inspiration of Ellen White. Theological spectrum[edit] As with any religious movement, a theological spectrum exists within Adventism comparable to the fundamentalist-moderate-liberal spectrum in the wider Christian church and in other religions. A variety of groups, movements or subcultures within the church present differing views on beliefs and lifestyle. The conservative end of the theological spectrum is represented by historic Adventists, who are characterized by their opposition to theological trends within the denomination, beginning in the 1840s. The most liberal elements in

the church are typically known as progressive Adventists progressive Adventists generally do not identify with liberal Christianity. They tend to disagree with the traditional views concerning the inspiration of Ellen White , the Sabbath , a seven-day Creation , the doctrine of the remnant and the investigative judgment. Theological organizations[edit] The Biblical Research Institute is the official theological research center of the church. The church has two professional organizations for Adventist theologians who are affiliated with the denomination. During the s the Adventist Theological Society was formed to provide a forum for more conservative theologians to meet and is held in conjunction with the Evangelical Theological Society. Sabbath in Seventh-day Adventism Part of Friday might be spent in preparation for the Sabbath; for example, preparing meals and tidying homes. Adventists may gather for Friday evening worship to welcome in the Sabbath, a practice often known as Vespers. They will also usually refrain from purely secular forms of recreation, such as competitive sport and watching non-religious programs on television. However, nature walks, family-oriented activities, charitable work and other activities that are compassionate in nature are encouraged. Saturday afternoon activities vary widely depending on the cultural, ethnic and social background. In some churches, members and visitors will participate in a fellowship or " potluck " lunch and AYS Adventist Youth Service. Seventh-day Adventist worship The major weekly worship service occurs on Saturday, typically commencing with Sabbath School which is a structured time of small-group study at church. Adventists make use of an officially produced "Sabbath School Lesson", which deals with a particular biblical text or doctrine every quarter. After a brief break, the community joins together again for a church service that follows a typical evangelical format, with a sermon as a central feature. Corporate singing, Scripture readings, prayers and an offering, including tithing or money collection , are other standard features. The instruments and forms of worship music vary greatly throughout the worldwide church. Worship is known to be generally restrained. Holy Communion[edit] Adventist churches usually practice communion four times a year. It commences with a foot washing ceremony, known as the "Ordinance of Humility", based on the Gospel account of John Participants segregate by gender to separate rooms to conduct this ritual, although some congregations allow married couples to perform the ordinance on each other and families are often encouraged to participate together. The church discourages its members from consuming alcoholic beverages , tobacco or illegal drugs compare Christianity and alcohol. In addition, some Adventists avoid coffee , tea , cola , and other beverages containing caffeine. Sanitarium products for sale The pioneers of the Adventist Church had much to do with the common acceptance of breakfast cereals into the Western diet, and the "modern commercial concept of cereal food" originated among Adventists. In both Australia and New Zealand , the church-owned Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company is a leading manufacturer of health and vegetarian-related products, most prominently Weet-Bix. Research funded by the U. National Institutes of Health has shown that the average Adventist in California lives 4 to 10 years longer than the average Californian. The research , as cited by the cover story of the November issue of National Geographic , asserts that Adventists live longer because they do not smoke or drink alcohol, have a day of rest every week, and maintain a healthy, low-fat vegetarian diet that is rich in nuts and beans. He cites the Adventist emphasis on health, diet, and Sabbath-keeping as primary factors for Adventist longevity. The first task for the scientists was to find people willing to be infected by pathogens that could make them very sick. They found them in the followers of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Although willing to serve their country when drafted, the Adventists refused to bear arms. As a result many of them became medics. When contacted in late , the Adventist hierarchy readily agreed to this plan. For Camp Detrick scientists, church members were a model test population, since most of them were in excellent health and they neither drank, smoked, nor used caffeine. From the perspective of the volunteers, the tests gave them a way to fulfill their patriotic duty while remaining true to their beliefs. The Church Manual refers to the origination of the marriage institution in Eden and points to the union between Adam and Eve as the pattern for all future marriages. They hold that God celebrated the first marriage and the institution has as its origin the Creator of the universe and was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is "one of the two institutions that, after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. Adventists do not perform same-sex marriages , and individuals who are openly homosexual cannot be ordained, but may hold church office and membership if not "practicing". Current church policy

states that openly homosexual and "practicing" persons are to be welcomed into the church services and treated with the love and kindness afforded any human being. The church disagrees with extra-marital cohabitation. For the Spirit to recreate in us the character of our Lord we involve ourselves only in those things which will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives. This means that our amusement and entertainment should meet the highest standards of Christian taste and beauty. While recognizing cultural differences, our dress is to be simple, modest, and neat, befitting those whose true beauty does not consist of outward adornment but in the imperishable ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit. Some also oppose the displaying of wedding bands, although banning wedding bands is not the position of the General Conference. Nix , "Growing Up Adventist: The Adventist church officially opposes the practice of gambling. Pathfinders is a club for 5th to 10th grade up to 12th in Florida Conference boys and girls. It is similar to and based partly on the Scouting movement. Pathfinders exposes young people to such activities as camping, community service, personal mentorship, and skills-based education, and trains them for leadership in the church. After a person enters 9th grade, he or she is eligible to join Teen Leadership Training within Pathfinders. In the 11th grade, typically after being a member of a club, they can become a Pathfinder or Adventurer staff member and begin the "Master Guide" program similar to Scout Master which develops leaders for both Adventurers and Pathfinders. Each camp varies in the activities they offer but most have archery, swimming, horses, arts and crafts, nature, high ropes challenge course, and many other common camp activities. Structure and polity[edit] Main article:

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Do you accept the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and do you pledge by God's grace to live your life in harmony with these teachings?

Some suggested revised chronologies and new dates, eventually forming groups such as the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Others, notably Hiram Edson and Ellen G. White, suggested that the date was accurate but that a heavenly thus invisible event had taken place. Their teachings became the basis of Seventh-day Adventism, which eventually spawned its own offshoots, including Armstrongism and the Branch Davidians. Generally the view that the Old Testament Sabbath commandment is to be observed unchanged by the church. As used in this index, Sabbatarianism refers to an extreme form of the belief in which membership in the true church, or even salvation, is conditional upon keeping the Sabbath law. As such, Sabbatarianism is at the least a form of legalism and at most a denial of salvation by grace. In most cases, the Jewish Sabbath Saturday must be observed by refraining from work, sports, and travel from sundown Friday evening to sundown Saturday evening. Evangelical from the Greek euangelion, good news or gospel generally means a focus on the essentials of Christianity. The term can be used to describe all Christians or churches that hold to or give heavy emphasis to specific conservative Protestant beliefs. More specifically the term has come to be closely identified with a widespread trans-denominational shift towards more conservative Christian doctrine that developed after World War II. The doctrine and message of the gospel that eternal life is not gained by or conditioned on works but is an undeserved and free gift from God received through faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior who died for our sins and rose from the dead. Contrasted with salvation by works. One of the unique doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that make the place of that church within evangelical Christianity questionable. First taught in Adventism by Hiram Edson, F. The doctrine teaches that in the Holy of Holies in the Heavenly Sanctuary Christ is now conducting an investigation into the lives of all who have ever professed belief in Christ. All those whose lives fail to measure up to the standard of the Law are rejected and condemned as not having true faith. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the kingdom. Profile on SDA available. Gordon, Encyclopedia of American Religions, Vol. Christ did not appear in They decided the event marked by was not the Second Coming, but the entrance of Christ into the Holy of Holies in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Anyone who had not accepted the Adventist message by the time Jesus entered the Holy of Holies was to be shut out permanently, as were the five foolish virgins. Cut off from the Bridegroom, they could not join the Adventists or have any hope of eternal life. Ellen White not only approved and taught this doctrine, but her first vision experience was largely responsible for its being received by the Adventist group Brinsmead, Robert, D. A Review of Adventism, pp. A highly elevated form of this doctrine, together with the doctrine of the Investigative Judgment, became the hallmarks of Seventh-day Adventism. Ellen White never held official title as the head of the church, but was one of its founders and acknowledged spiritual leader. Having only a third grade education, Ellen White said for years she was unable to read, bolstering the claim that her beautiful prose was inspired by God. However, it has been discovered that she not only read, but plagiarized other Christian authors throughout virtually all her writings. The sad facts of this matter have been thoroughly and indisputably established in several books. Ellen White died in at age eighty-eight. Historically, evangelicals have had difficulty defining and categorizing SDA. Much SDA doctrine is biblically orthodox. Within its ranks are many true Christians, some even in positions of prominence. At various points in its history, most notably in the General Conference, the SDA church has been shaken by the biblical gospel. In the s this became quite intense Se: Unfortunately, it produced a polarization. Irwin, Mark of the Beast, p. It is a work of investigative judgement which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom. This judgement vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. According to Ellen White one must believe this doctrine to be saved. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position [in the Holy of Holies] and work [investigative judgement] of their great High Priest. Otherwise it

will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs for them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. All who have received the light on these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. Baptism is mentioned in close proximity to some of these passages, but the New Testament uses the word baptism in various ways. If a passage makes baptism essential to salvation it can only refer to the baptism of the Spirit, or it would conflict with other Scriptures which plainly teach salvation is apart from any human work. Sabbath observance, not trust in Christ alone for complete forgiveness of sins and eternal life, is to be the dividing line between the saved and the lost in the end time. This is certainly antithetical to the gospel defined by the passages above. The Old Testament Sabbath was never anything more than a shadow of the substance. The whole concept of the investigative judgement is antithetical to the Gospel. Jesus did not wait until to enter the Holy of Holies in heaven Heb. Neither is he still making an atonement in heaven Heb. This is an outrage. Even when speaking of being saved by the righteousness of Christ, Adventist writers refer to imparted righteousness, seldom to the biblical concept of imputed righteousness. Precisely the same heresy is found besides many others in Mormonism. It is not the salvation by grace alone through faith alone offered in the Bible. The error is compounded by the teaching that this latter day event must be believed in to exercise the proper faith necessary to be saved. Some of the SDA health message may actually be helpful, and it does not conflict with the gospel except when, as is often the case, spiritual stigma is attached to non-observance of its asceticism Gal. The soul-sleep doctrine conflicts with the gospel because, closely examined and fully understood, it actually constitutes a denial of the resurrection though it is doubtful any SDA understands it to be so. It leaves the sinner facing no eternal consequences for his sin; angst over annihilation will not survive annihilation. Indeed, many people today think annihilation preferable to even this life. Excellent book by a former SDA pastor, covers virtually every aspect of the Sabbath question.

3: Seventh Day Adventists Beliefs - Adventist Book Center

Seventh-day Adventism (SDA) follows most of the beliefs of conventional conservative Christianity including creation in six days, original sin, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the existence of Satan, just to name a few. But there are many beliefs that set SDA apart from other Protestant Christians. Below is a list of five of those beliefs: 1.

However, they differ from other conservative Protestants on a number of other beliefs: Writings of Ellen White: Ellen White is recognized by the Seventh-day Adventist church as having received the gift of prophecy. The written works by Ellen White: These parallels are then evaluated for strength and frequency. Study results indicate that un-attributed borrowing of phraseology was rather common, and even considered to be more acceptable among the nineteenth-century authors of this genre than would be acceptable in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The minimal borrowing by Ellen G. White in this chapter was within the acceptable standards of that era. They deny the concept of "innate immortality". They believe that a person is not naturally immortal. When a person dies, they remain unconscious until they are resurrected. Eternal life is a gift which God gives only to righteous Christians; the rest will be ultimately annihilated and no longer exist in any form. Thus, they do not believe that a person goes to heaven for an eternal reward or to hell for never-ending torture immediately upon death as do many other conservative Christian denominations. This refers to a process that started in CE and remains active in Heaven today. Jesus is going through the Book of Life -- as mentioned in Revelation 5 -- to determine who is saved and who is lost. Only those who have: In Genesis 3, God visited Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to determine first hand that they had eaten the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and thus caused the fall or rise of humanity. Interpretations of the impact of eating the fruit differ. In Genesis 19, God came down from heaven to learn first-hand what was happening in Sodom and Gomorrah. The second coming of Christ is imminent. Believers should be ready at all times to be removed from earth to be with God in heaven. Others will be exterminated by Christ during what will be the largest genocide in history. Righteous Christians who had previously died will be resurrected at that time and taken to heaven. For the following years, only Satan and his fallen angels will be living on earth. A second resurrection will occur at the end of that period. The righteous will then return to a cleansed earth, and establish the New Jerusalem. The unrighteous who died before the Second Coming will be resurrected and be annihilated; they will be consumed by fire from God, along with Satan and his angels. The universe will then be free of sin and sinners. Hell exists as a lake of fire where the unrighteous are "burned up, utterly destroyed, and cease forever to exist". They do not view Hell as a place of eternal torment. The vast majority of humans who have ever lived will be among the unrighteous. They will cease to exist in any form.

4: What is Seventh-day Adventism (SDA), and what do Seventh-day Adventists believe?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a Protestant Christian denomination distinguished by its observance of Saturday, the seventh day of the week in Christian and Jewish calendars, as the Sabbath, and by its emphasis on the imminent Second Coming (advent) of Jesus Christ.

Seventh Day Adventism has certain doctrinal issues which should be addressed, since most Adventist see themselves as Christian and Biblically-based. With this understanding, we wish for you to consider whether or not SDA teachings are in fact Biblical and are clearly rooted in teachings of Christ and His apostles. What is here and why In the pages, of this website, are articles and questions for SDA members to consider and ponder. It is our deepest concern, that those who claim the name of Christ, worship Him in Spirit and Truth, and know who He really is, in fact. Our concern, is that many in the SDA movement have in fact re-defined Christ and the gospel of grace, and thus have forfeited their opportunity of Eternal Life with the Father and Son, and the complete forgiveness of sins, which is the final promise in the New Covenant. White and spirit of prophecy Also, there is a need to consider the teachings of Ellen G. White, her prophecies, the implications of her prophecies and her standing in the eyes of SDA members. One must consider the historical issues pertaining to her life and teachings, and examine the origins of this movement. A clear decision is necessary when viewing the teachings of Ellen White and weighing them in the balance of the teachings of Jesus and His Apostles. If her teachings are viewed as equal with Christ and the Apostles, and thus are on par with Scripture, then it is very likely that one has in fact become an idolater in the modern sense of the word. This, of course, is not good, and should be avoided at all cost. Why is truth often rejected? Some of the articles here are, in fact, written by former members of the SDA movement, who thought through some of the same issues which many are grappling with today. It must be realized, that truth is not an easy thing to accept. That by nature, we as fallen humans, delight in falsehood and prefer lies to the truth. We must come to understand that truth usually comes to us at a great expense on the part of someone else, and especially on the part of the Son, who gave Himself for us. And we must understand that if we receive truth, it will usually cost us something very dear to us, even our own life. This was the case with the apostles. Even the apostles had great difficulty in receiving the truth as it was expressed by the Messiah. When Jesus spoke of his coming rejection by the leaders of the Jewish people and His death by crucifixion, the apostles could not believe what they were hearing from him. Peter was so perplexed that he rebuked Jesus and told him that nothing like this should happen to Him. Unfortunately, Peter at that point became a mouth piece for Satan himself and was sternly rebuked by Jesus. And this is just one case in the Bible where men are confronted with truth. Consider, Noah, and how well received his message was in his day. Isaiah, asks, "who has believed our report". John the Baptist stated that "no man receives His testimony", referring to Christ Himself. The mere presenting of the facts does not usually change the hearts of men, because men are depraved and defiled sinners, dead in sin and helpless to save themselves. Our Challenge to You! Ted Wilson, church president says that " [Click to Download the PDF.](#)

5: Hidden Heresies of Seventh-Day Adventists

Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs, as set forth here, constitute.

Theological spectrum[edit] A theological spectrum exists within Adventism, with several different theological streams existing alongside the mainstream. The conservative "historic" movement holds to certain traditional positions that have been challenged since the s. The Adventist Theological Society describes its beliefs as "balanced and conservative Adventist theology", [25] whereas the Adventist Society for Religious Studies is more progressive by comparison. Jon Paulien has identified four brands of Adventism â€” evangelists and frontier missionaries whose beliefs are traditional yet creatively expressed, scholars concerned with an accurate understanding of the Bible, the typical church member including most of the younger, postmodern generation who is most concerned with what is relevant to ordinary life and not concerned with most doctrines, and those in the Third World who are similarly concerned for a minimal belief set and passionate about their faith. In *Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine*, four authors outlined the core doctrines that they share with Protestant Christianity. That God is the Sovereign Creator, upholder, and ruler of the universe, and that He is eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. That the Scriptures are the inspired revelation of God to men; and that the Bible is the sole rule of faith and practice. That the Holy Spirit is a personal being, sharing the attributes of deity with the Father and the Son. That Christ, the Word of God, became incarnate through the miraculous conception and the virgin birth; and that He lived an absolutely sinless life here on earth. That the vicarious, atoning death of Jesus Christ, once for all, is all-sufficient for the redemption of a lost race. That Jesus Christ arose literally and bodily from the grave. That He ascended literally and bodily into heaven. That He now serves as our advocate in priestly ministry and mediation before the Father. That He will return in a premillennial, personal, imminent second advent. That man was created sinless, but by his subsequent fall entered a state of alienation and depravity. That salvation through Christ is by grace alone, through faith in His blood. That entrance upon the new life in Christ is by regeneration, or the new birth. That man is justified by faith. That man is sanctified by the indwelling Christ through the Holy Spirit. That man will be glorified at the resurrection or translation of the saints, when the Lord returns. That there will be a judgment of all men. That the gospel is to be preached as a witness to all the world. Different Protestant groups hold varying views on the millennium. Distinctive doctrines[edit] Seventh-day Adventists have often focused on those doctrines which are distinctive to Adventism. This was particularly true in the early days of the movement, when it was assumed that most people the church witnessed to were already Christian to begin with, and that they already understood the gospel. While the ceremonial and sacrificial laws of the Old Testament were fulfilled by the death of Jesus Christ, the 10 commandments are held to remain in force for Christian believers. The words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 5: I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Sabbath in Seventh-day Adventism Seventh-day Adventists believe that the seventh day of the week, Saturday, is the biblical Sabbath which God set "apart for the lofty purpose of enriching the divine-human relationship". The Sabbath serves as a weekly memorial to Creation and is a symbol of redemption, from both Egypt and sin. By keeping the Sabbath, Adventists are reminded of the way that God can make them holy, like he did the Sabbath, and they show their loyalty to God by keeping the commandment in the Decalogue. The Sabbath is also a time for Adventists to spend with other people and with God. It should be noted, however, that although Seventh-day Adventists do not believe that they are saved by keeping Saturday as the Sabbath, they attach considerably greater significance to Saturday-Sabbath keeping than other denominations attach to worship on Sunday. Adventists do not see the Sabbath as a

works-based doctrine, but rather righteousness comes solely through faith in Christ alone. They believe that the Sabbath is a whole day dedicated for worship and fellowship with believers, laying aside non-religious projects and labor. They teach instead that it was changed by gradual acceptance of Sunday worship gatherings which came into the early church in Rome to distinguish Christians from the Jews and to align Christianity with political authorities. The Great Controversy[edit] Seventh-day Adventists believe that prior to the beginning of human history, a challenge occurred in heaven between God and Lucifer Satan over "the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe" Fundamental Belief no. Lucifer was subsequently cast out of heaven, and, acting through the serpent in the Garden of Eden , led Adam and Eve into sin. White, particularly chapter 29, The Origin of Evil is shows how this dispute originated. Heavenly Sanctuary and Pre-Advent Judgment[edit] The Heavenly Sanctuary[edit] The Seventh-day Adventist church teaches that there is a sanctuary in heaven which was foreshadowed by the Mosaic tabernacle , according to their interpretation of the Epistle to the Hebrews chapters 8 and 9. After his death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary as the great High Priest, "making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice" Fundamental Belief no. Adventists hold that Christ ministered his blood in the first section of the sanctuary the holy place until October ; after that time he entered the second section of the sanctuary the Most Holy Place, or Holy of Holies in fulfillment of the Day of Atonement. Yet, the atonement involves more than just sacrifice. It is the winning of men back to a love relationship with God that is not yet completed. Adventists find the investigative judgment portrayed in texts such as Daniel 7: This judgment will also separate true believers from those who falsely claim to be ones. See Glacier View controversy. The Remnant church "announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent" Fundamental Belief no. At baptism, Adventists may be asked the following question: In an alternative set of baptismal vows was created, which does not contain a reference to the Adventist church as the remnant. Candidates may now choose whether to take the original vow or the new one. Adventists believe that the unrighteous, or wicked, will be raised after the millennium. The time of trouble will be ended by the glorious appearing of Christ, which will also mark the commencement of the millennium. Adventists reject dispensationalist theology and the pretribulation rapture , believing that the church will remain on earth throughout the end-time crisis. A further difference is that the millennial reign of Christ will take place in heaven, not on earth, and will involve all of the redeemed people of God, not just national Israel [46] See Fundamental Beliefs, no. Seventh-day Adventism interprets the book of Revelation using the historicist method, but also holds that some of the events it predicts are still future see: Hell and the state of the dead[edit] See also: They base this belief on biblical texts such as Ecclesiastes 9: These verses, it is argued, indicate that death is only a period or form of slumber. They reject the traditional doctrine of hell as a state of everlasting conscious torment, believing instead that the wicked will be permanently destroyed after the millennium. The theological term for this teaching is Annihilationism. The Adventist views about death and hell reflect an underlying belief in: Adventist education hence strives to be holistic in nature, involving not just the mind but all aspects of a person. Inspiration of Ellen White and Spirit of Prophecy Adventist The church believes the spiritual gift of prophecy was manifested in the ministry of Ellen White, whose writings are sometimes referred to as the "Spirit of Prophecy". They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. The June document A Statement of Confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy states that White "did the work of a prophet, and more", and that her writings "carry divine authority, both for godly living and for doctrine"; and recommended that "as a church we seek the power of the Holy Spirit to apply to our lives more fully the inspired counsel contained in the writings of Ellen G White. There has been an increasing tendency in the church to view White in more human terms, although still inspired. Whatever the prominence assigned to her writings for doctrinal authority, Adventists are agreed that the Bible takes precedence as the final authority. In fact, when viewed in the light of the real Adventist claim, this accusation will be seen as wide of the mark. They viewed God the Father as God in every way, the Son as divine but begotten and having a beginning, and the Holy Spirit reduced to merely a manifestation of either the Father or the Son. This came to a head in the important Conference with the preaching of A. Waggoner who brought a focus of the biblical doctrine of the Godhead in part because of the

emphasis on Jesus, and how the law and righteousness by faith come together. But when we consider that he sank his nature in our human nature to all eternity—that is a sacrifice. However, in *Desire of Ages* she made the shocking, to some, statement, "In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived," which brought about the development on the view of the Godhead. Jones wrote of the Godhead in a Trinitarian way: Jesus Christ is one. The Holy Spirit is one. And these three are one: The Declaration of the Fundamental Principles taught and practiced by the Seventh-day Adventists [2] mentioned Father, Son and Holy Spirit but did not contain an explicit affirmation of the Trinity: That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the word of redemption. The official Adventist fundamental beliefs, adopted in , include the following as statement number 2, "Trinity": Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons. This has led to some debate among critics about whether the current Adventist view of the Trinity is orthodox, or if Adventist views are tantamount to the heresy of Tritheism. White] taught that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three distinct individuals, which is not true of the medieval doctrine of the Trinity. So, we probably would have been branded as Arian by the orthodox. But, in reality, we have been faithful to their commitment, and I know of nothing that they were objecting to, in objecting to Trinitarianism, that we have not also objected to. While God has been declared to be one God Deut. What the notion of a triune group God seems to suggest is that the three members of the Godhead become joined in their relationship with each other, on the basis of their common purpose, values and interests. However, there remain small factions and individuals within the church who continue to argue that the authentic, historical Adventist position is semi-Arian. According to Adventist theology, Michael was considered the "eternal Word", and not a created being or created angel, and the one by whom all things were created. The Word was then born incarnate as Jesus. They believe that name "Michael" signifies "one who is God" and that as the "Archangel" or "chief or head of the angels" he led the angels and thus the statement in Revelation According to Adventists, such a view does not in any way conflict with the belief in his full deity and eternal preexistence, nor does it in the least disparage his person and work. There was a perception that Adventists were relegating Jesus to something less than divine or less than God but that is not valid since Seventh-day Adventism theology teaches and is expressly Trinitarian. Some held an impersonal view of the Spirit, as emanating from God, or only a "power" or "influence". However the main emphasis at this time was on Adventist distinctives, not on topics such as the Holy Spirit.

6: International Bible Teaching Ministries

Abortion: The Seventh-day Adventist church takes a position between the strict pro-life and strict pro-choice alternatives. A set of "Guidelines on Abortion" was approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee on OCT

So I have investigated the background of their fundamental beliefs in order to get a clearer picture of their teachings. These teachings derive from deceiving spirits, which the apostle Paul said would arise in the last days. Basi Roho anena waziwazi ya kwamba nyakati za mwisho wengine watajitenga na imani, wakisikiliza roho zidanganyazo, na mafundisho ya mashetani. For me, it was necessary to learn just one thing about their teaching to realise that it was a complete deception. This idea is not just against Scripture but it is also against reason. How can one believe such nonsense which is nowhere taught in the Scripture and which the Scriptures contradict? The answer to this question is that it is the work of a deceiving spirit that works with power to blind men and women to the truth and to an understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is as serious as that. The word of God clearly teaches us that after his resurrection Jesus Christ entered into the holiest of holies in heaven with His blood. The holy of holies is a symbol for the presence and glory of God where he sits and reigns. The book of Hebrews explains to us that the Tabernacle in the wilderness symbolised spiritual realities in heaven, and that Christians now have access by the Holy Spirit into the presence of God Eph. Why should one abandon reason and believe something that opposes the clear teaching of the Bible? The answer is as follows: This was based on their interpretation of Daniel 8: One of the foremost leaders of this teaching was a man called William Miller and his followers were called Millerites Wafuasi wa Miller or Adventists. Of course, the Lord did not return on that day and there was bitter disappointment among the Adventists. Instead of repenting of their unhealthy curiosity, some of them opened themselves up to even greater deceptions in order to validate their interpretation of Daniel chapter 8. Hiram Edson was also one of those who was bitterly disappointed, but he says that the next day, as he was crossing a field he stopped to pray, and it was as if heaven opened before him. Edson immediately shared this interpretation with other followers who all thought it is wonderful news! These people were so obsessed with their interpretation of Daniel 8: They used Hebrews chapters 8 and 9 to support their invention that Jesus moved from the holy place into the most holy on 22nd October ! Edson began studying the Bible with two of the other believers, O. Crosier and Franklin B. This false revelation was greatly encouraging for the Adventists. Ellen White wrote a book of her experiences and visions. They are work of deception and blasphemy. She claims she had visions of heaven and talked to angels and to Christ. She writes that in one of her visions she saw the Father rise from the throne and go into the holiest in a chariot of fire and then sat down! Then Jesus was also carried into the holiest by a cloudy chariot with wheels like flaming fire! This is an utter confusion of biblical symbolism! This was supposed to have happened on October 22 ! She claims to have many such visions, which in truth represent not only an addition to scripture but a corruption of scripture. It is clear that her testimonies are not of the Spirit of God. As I said, if this is the beginning and source of Adventist teachings, it is enough for me to recognise that the teachings spring from complete deception. However, it should be no surprise that as we continue to look at their teachings, we will find further delusions and errors. Holding on to their interpretation of Daniel 8: Where is this found in the Bible? They wanted to give significance to the date they had chosen as an interpretation of Daniel 8: But this verse mentions the cleansing of the sanctuary, as well as the days. It was the work of the priest in the daily ministration to present before God the blood of the sin offeringâ€” So did Christ plead His blood before the Father in behalf of sinners, and present before Him also,â€” the prayers of penitent believers. Such was the work of ministration in the first apartment of the sanctuary in heaven. The blood of Christ, pleaded in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon and acceptance with the Father, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record. This is the service which began when the days ended that is, in At that time, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our High Priest entered the most holy, to perform the last division of His solemn work â€” to cleanse the sanctuary. And as the typical cleansing of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be

accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. But before this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation — a work of judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes. To hold on to their interpretation of Daniel 8: Ellen White and the Adventists teach that after the ascension of Jesus Christ he spent the first years in what corresponded to the first compartment of the Tabernacle in heaven, making intercession for believers by pleading his blood before the father! This idea is an invention of their own minds. But it gets worse. Ellen White states that although the intercession of Christ in the first sanctuary secured pardon for believers who repented, nevertheless the sins of believers still remained in the books of record which are in the holy of holies. So, she says, before the work of redemption could be completed these recorded sins had to be removed from the books by a further work of atonement! How was this further work of atonement, which would complete our redemption, achieved? The Adventists teach that in Christ entered into the holiest of all where the books are! These books contain the sins and works of believers — not of unbelievers. And Christ would begin the work of investigating these books and decide who was worthy to have their sins blotted out of the books. Ellen White writes that the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary! And how is the sanctuary to be cleansed? It is to be cleansed by Christ investigating the lives of believers from these books and deciding who, because of true repentance and growth in grace and holiness, is worthy to have their sins blotted out of the books! All this is a complete invention by the Adventists. Adventists teach that when this work is finished Christ shall return to take his own. The following quotes show clearly that Adventists think that the work of atonement is still carrying on: The Great Controversy, p. How can people follow a woman who says that after his resurrection Jesus interceded for us but that His blood was not enough to cancel sin and that after years work of investigative judgement had to take place to remove our sins? It is a work of deep deception among her followers! None of this is taught in the Bible but all of it is an attack on the work of Jesus Christ on Calvary! This signified that Jesus, by his blood, had opened the way into the holy of holies in heaven, that is, into the presence of God! The day of atonement in the old Testament provided forgiveness for the sins of Israel through the sacrifice of bulls and goats. To make atonement for the people, the blood of these animals were brought into the holy of holies by the high priest and sprinkled upon the mercy seat Leviticus It was to bring the blood of bulls and goats into the holy of holies once a year. And one of the main purposes of the book of Hebrews is to show us that Jesus Christ is our high priest, who after he suffered and died on Calvary, entered the holy of holies in heaven with his own blood for the forgiveness of sins and for the redemption of men and women! The word of God tell us that with one sacrifice Christ obtained eternal redemption, and that those in Christ have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb 1 Peter 1: These, and other scriptures, make it very clear that it was the one offering of Christ, made on the one occasion of his death on the cross that secured our salvation and redemption, and a deep cleansing of our souls! Christ did not wait years after his resurrection before entering the holy of holies! Did the high priest in the old Testament spent years in the first compartment of the Tabernacle before entering the holy of holies with the blood of bulls and goats? Any ministry that Christ now has is based on the finished work of redemption which he achieved through his death and resurrection! This is a fantasy uzushi. Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministrations in behalf of man — to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits — only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God. This teaching also attacks the divinity of Jesus Christ. Is Jesus Christ a man so that he has to spend many years looking through books to see what people have done? Is he not God? Were not the names of the saints written in the book of life before the foundation of the world? Where we not chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world as it says in Ephesians 1: Jesus Christ new that Peter would deny him three times! The truth is that

the son of God knows us through and through and has no need to spend about years investigating all our lives! The Seventh-Day Adventists today have a list of 28 fundamental beliefs, and the teaching above is one of their fundamental beliefs! All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. Concerning the matter of judgement, the scriptures make it clear that we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ Rom. The Bible also has the severest warnings for those believers who turn back to the world after believing in Christ. Upon this foundation of deception further errors and deceptions followed. For example, Ellen White taught that in the end all the sins of the believers would be placed on Satan! This is a delusion and directly contradicts the scriptures which describes the son of God as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Isaiah says the Lord has laid upon him the iniquities of us all. Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many Hebrews 9: It is clear in Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 that Christ represents the sacrifices which were offered in the old Testament to make atonement for the people, not Satan.

2. *Seventh-Day Adventists follow a doctrine called the 28 Fundamental Beliefs. The document that Seventh Day Adventists ascribe to is the 28 Fundamental Beliefs, which discuss the teachings of "Holy Scriptures." They are categorized as doctrines of God, man, salvation, church, Christian life and end day events.*

What is Seventh-day Adventism, and what do Seventh-day Adventists believe? There seem to be different "degrees" of Seventh-day Adventism. Some Seventh-day Adventists believe identically to orthodox Christians, other than holding to the Saturday Sabbath. Other Adventists, however, go much further into aberrant doctrine. Seventh-day Adventism has its roots in Adventism, a 19th-century movement that anticipated the imminent appearance or advent of Jesus Christ. The Adventists were also called Millerites because their group was founded by William Miller, a false prophet who predicted Jesus would return in either or Instead of coming to earth, Jesus had entered the heavenly temple—thus, Miller was right, after all, they said, except his prophecy had a spiritual fulfillment instead of a physical one. One of the seers who covered for Miller was year-old Ellen G. With her vision, Ellen soon became a beacon of hope for disillusioned Millerites. She united Adventist factions and became the spiritual guide for a new religious group. In , Ellen married James White, an Adventist preacher. Soon they became convinced that Sabbath-keeping was for all Christians. In , Ellen G. White had another vision—this one confirming her new belief that Sabbath-keeping was to be a primary doctrine. The Adventists under Ellen G. Today, most Seventh-day Adventists still consider Ellen White to be a prophetess of God, even though many of her prophecies failed to come true. In fact, Seventh-day Adventists consider Revelation In the next five decades, Ellen G. White wrote nearly 10, pages of prophetic material. Other visions dealt with healthy eating habits, which Mrs. It is no surprise that, after requiring Sabbath-keeping, Adventists began to add other elements of legalism into their creed. White kept having visions, and she began teaching the unorthodox doctrines of soul sleep and annihilationism which contradicts Matthew Seventh-day Adventism also identifies Jesus as Michael the archangel Jude 1: And, of course, the Adventist promotion of Sabbath-keeping as a primary doctrine goes against the teaching of Scripture on the matter see Romans Seventh-Day Adventism is a diverse movement, and not all SDA groups hold to all the doctrines mentioned above. But all Seventh-Day Adventists should seriously consider the following: So, should a Christian attend a Seventh-day Adventist church? Due to the penchant of Adventists to accept extra-biblical revelation and the doctrinal issues mentioned above, we would strongly encourage believers to not get involved in Seventh-day Adventism. Yes, a person can be an advocate of Seventh-day Adventism and still be a believer. At the same time, there are enough potential risks to warn us against joining a Seventh-day Adventist church.

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Major Seventh-day Adventist beliefs; Who are the Adventists? Documentaries about Adventists; Major Adventist beliefs: Scripture. The foundation of all Adventist beliefs hinge upon the Bible and the inspiration of its writers by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter) in contrast to teachings coming from doctrines or traditions of men (Matthew).

White was the founder of the Seventh-day Adventist church. White, and James White not Ellen G. Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, vol. Seventh-day Adventists depend on Ellen G. White for their teachings. She is "the last word on doctrine. In the book *Seventh-day Adventists Believe*. Neither Ellen White nor the church has ever taught that she was the last word on doctrine. White Writings," Adventist Review, Dec. Available on the Internet at: Douglass, Messenger of the Lord, , pp. White, Selected Messages, bk. White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. October 22, , was not the correct date for the Jewish Day of Atonement in There was more than one way of reckoning the Jewish calendar year. The Millerites considered the Karaite reckoning to be the closest to the Biblical reckoning. George Knight, Millennial Fever, , pp. From, Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, vol. For additional evidence based upon astronomy and calendation, see William H. Millerite meetings were full of fanaticism. Contemporary accounts indicate that Millerite meetings overall were remarkably free from fanaticism. On the other hand, Ellen White never discarded her belief in the prophetic significance of the October 22 date, so she had no reason to admit a mistake had been made regarding the calculation, beyond the obvious fact that Christ had not returned that day. Several references showing her consistent position are given below. White, Spiritual Gifts, vol. White, Spirit of Prophecy, vol. White, The Great Controversy, , pp. Ellen White saw a mistake in the Millerite prophetic chart during her first vision. The vision in which Ellen White saw the Millerite prophetic chart was given her on September 23, Her first vision was in December, According to Ellen White, God made the mistake on the Millerite prophetic chart referred to in statement 6. God, in His providence, permitted events to unfold as they did for His own divine purposes. Douglass, Messenger of the Lord, , p. White and Her Critics, , pp. All of her unpublished materials are currently available at the main office of the White Estate at the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland; at three branch offices located in the United States: The vault provides fire protection and security for the original documents. If not all predictions by a prophet come to pass, then the person must be a false prophet. Whenever humans have a role in the fulfillment of a prophecy, a conditional element is implicit with the prophecy. Ellen White falsely predicted that old Jerusalem would never be rebuilt. The Gathering of Israel: A Historical Study of Early Writings, pp. Ellen White falsely claimed that time was short, that she would be living when Christ returned, and still later that some in the audience to whom she was speaking would be alive when Christ returned. Time was always presented to Ellen White in vision as being very short, so there was no reason why she would not expect to be living when Christ returned. However, the conditional nature of prophecy when human response is involved must be kept in mind. See item 9 above. Ellen White used the phrase "humbled in the dust," which suggests something quite different from the literal downfall and destruction of the United States. A careful reading of the context of what Ellen White actually wrote leads to a conclusion different from the one given on the video. Ellen White held racist views that certain races of people resulted from cohabitation of humans with beasts amalgamation. She wrote, "No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste, is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. After the Great Disappointment in , Ellen White was shown in vision that salvation had closed for the world the "Shut Door". While Ellen White believed for a time that no sinners would be converted after , she was never instructed in a vision that the door of salvation was shut for the world. For a detailed analysis of the changing understanding of the expression "Shut Door," see the references given next. The Biblical teaching on the state of the dead was introduced to the Millerite Adventists prior to the Disappointment in , and thus prior to any understanding of the investigative judgment. See also item 27 below. From, Conditionalist Faith of Our Fathers, vol. Ellen White wrote that "no repentance is genuine that does not work reformation. The righteousness of Christ is not a cloak to cover unconfessed and unforsaken sin; it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the

conduct. Holiness is wholeness for God; it is the entire surrender of heart and life to the indwelling of the principles of heaven. She wrote, "If you are right with God today, you are ready if Christ should come today. The last words Ellen White spoke to her son were, "I know in whom I have believed. White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. Seventh-day Adventists have their own version of the Bible *The Clear Word*, including one that contains Ellen White quotations printed in it. The cover and title page of *J.* The first sentence of the preface reads, "This is not a new translation but an interpretive paraphrase of the Scriptures. In her lifetime, Ellen White made use of the various translations available. *White Study Bible* brings together relevant statements of commentary from Ellen White while preserving a format that maintains the rightful distinction between her words and the Scriptural text as do the wide variety of study Bibles prepared by other commentators available in Christian book stores. Ellen White taught an "incomplete atonement. On the contrary, here are two statements representative of her teaching: Do you despise sin? Then remember that the righteousness of Christ is yours if you will grasp it. Can you not see what a strong foundation is placed beneath your feet when you accept Christ? God has accepted the offering of His Son as a complete atonement for the sins of the world. *Questions on Doctrine*, pp. Ellen White taught the heresy that Christ is the archangel Michael. The Biblical evidence and the views of commentators are summarized in *Questions on Doctrine*, pp. See also many contemporary evangelical Bible commentaries on such passages as Revelation Russell co-authored a book with N. Barbour, an early Adventist. Barbour was never a Seventh-day Adventist. He was an Advent Christian. James White and Uriah Smith denied the deity of Christ. In the years that followed, clearer understanding of the Godhead prevailed. For development of Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the deity of Christ, see "Christology" in *Seventh-day Encyclopedia*, vol. It cannot be proven that more than 20 percent of what Ellen White wrote was original with her. Research has found that Ellen White enriched her writings with choice expressions from her reading, but the extent of verbal dependency that has been documented thus far is a small percentage less than 2 percent when measured against her total literary output. No lawsuit was ever threatened. Ellen White reflected popular, erroneous views on health masturbation, wigs, dress reform, no evening meal. For comments on each of these issues, see references below. White, *The Progressive Years*, pp. White, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. Ellen White denied the assurance given believers in the Gospel. She taught that one should never say "I am saved. Martin, with the words he omitted italicized: This class claim that Christ came to save sinners, and that he has saved them. But are they saved while transgressing the law of Jehovah? If you do, then rejoice. Self-confidence led him to the belief that he was saved, and step after step was taken in the downward path, until he could deny his Master. Never can we safely put confidence in self or feel, this side of heaven, that we are secure against temptation.

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Their teachings became the basis of Seventh-day Adventism, which eventually spawned its own offshoots, including Armstrongism and the Branch Davidians. Sabbatarianism: Generally the view that the Old Testament Sabbath commandment is to be observed unchanged by the church.

They act all "interdenominational" if questioned. Watch out for these SDA outreaches as well: They also hide behind Heath oriented shows on the networks, and sponsor stop-smoking clinics etc, all as introductions to Seventh-day Adventism. Often, the only tip-off that what you are reading originates with them is that it is published by "Pacific Press". They very much want to be perceived as Evangelical Christians, seeking a place on the ministerial fellowships. All this is good PR for them, but what do they really believe? Their prophetess, Ellen G. White, whom they revere and believe without question has told them that "Satan has taken full possession of the Churches". *Spiritual Gifts*, V1 p. They revere their founding prophetess, Ellen G. White, and made this statement in their "Ministry" Magazine of Oct. The superintendence of the Holy Spirit was just as careful and thorough in one case as in the other". White at their public seminars, but their goal is to bring the person attending to the point of conversion and baptism. Their baptismal certificate poses questions to which the candidate must answer "yes". Question 8 says, "Do you accept the biblical teaching of spiritual gifts and believe that the gift of prophecy is one of the identifying marks of the remnant church". If the candidate says "yes" and is baptised, they soon learn that the "gift of prophecy" is Ellen G. No doubt they will be urged to avail themselves of a "Clear Word Bible". This publication of theirs has inserted the words and doctrines of Ellen G. White right into the Bible text, insuring that the person studying it will have the mind of Ellen G. Doctrine on Christ Seventh-day Adventists, in the early days, denied the Trinity, but now they accept it. However, they have "leftovers" from this heresy. White wrote in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page , "Now you must get to work to earn your salvation. White said in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* of this statement, "The terms of salvation for every son and daughter of Adam are here outlined. It is plainly stated that the condition of gaining eternal life is obedience to the commandments of God". Of course, it is the fourth commandment that is stressed, since Ellen saw this one glowing in one of her visions. Salvation now becomes dependent on which day of the week one observes. Modern Adventists keep sundown Friday to sundown Saturday as the Sabbath, but earlier in their history they kept 6 p. Friday to 6 p. The rest of us "Sunday keepers" are doomed to receive the "mark of the beast" and lose our eternal life. *The Spirit of Prophecy V*. Christ exclaimed "It is finished" when He died for our sins, but it is not finished in Seventh-day Adventism! Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered, with terrible exactness, every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel. Prepare to become very uptight. Christians will say, "sure we slip sometimes into unintentional sin, but we have a mediator in Christ Jesus". Those who are living on the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil *The Great Controversy* p. Christ bore our own sins in his body on the tree according to the Bible. Become a SDA, and it will be Satan who will eventually bear your sins! They keep their radical teachings for later. What a dubious beginning! White endorsed a false prophecy by William Miller that Christ would return, first in and then The idea was concocted by one of her followers that the date was right, but the event was wrong. Ellen eagerly accepted this "out", and this explanation was offered to explain away the false prophecy: This false date and its failure triggered other heresies on the atonement of Christ which continues to this day. One false prophecy done in the name of the Lord marks that one as a false prophet See Deut. White said people alive in would be translated at the 2nd coming of Jesus. *Testimonies*, V1, p , She said in *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1, p. No wonder Jesus told us to "Beware of the false prophets". Time is their enemy. An early Adventist, N. Barbour co-published with Charles Taze Russell. They

had a falling out over what else? Both, however, kept heretical doctrines to this day like Jesus being Michael the Archangel, the denial of Hell, and both still advocate soul sleep. It is a proven fact that Ellen G. White plagiarized most of her writings. As Ellen was rising to prominence, Joseph Smith had just died. Her writings contain many phrases used by Joseph Smith. Mind you, he has also been accused of plagiarism. I have a thick file of similarities, but time does not permit details at this time, but it does illustrate just how far her "borrowing" went. You will definitely not be told of her similarities to Joseph Smith at the Seminars! For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord She recounts the experience in a letter to her son published in "The Retirement Years" p. She begins her letter by stating that she was seeking God regarding her future, "A few days since I was pleading with the Lord for light in regard to my duty" It is evident she believed this dream was in response to her prayers to God. James whom she called "Father" appeared beside her as she was in a carriage. She reported he looked "very pale, but calm and composed". After all, he was dead! I saw you die; I saw you buried. Has the Lord pitied me and let you come back? At one point James foretells the future for Ellen, " Now, Ellen, calls will be made as they have been, desiring you to attend important meetings James, her dead husband, goes on to tell her she must avoid taxing her strength by going to meetings and retire and write instead. He tells her " Make this your first business". Ellen now makes an agreement with her dead husband to stay in touch, "Well, said I, James you are always to stay with me now and we will work together". This would involve further communication with the dead. Ellen recounts that she then awoke and took the whole matter as being from the Lord in these words, " I feel no duty to go to Battle Creek I have no duty to stand in General Conference. She indicated she wanted to continue this practice. Can we trust this dream? No, of course not. How then are we to trust her other or so "inspired by God" dreams and visions that occurred over her lifetime? Assorted Silliness Often, cult research is tedious and boring. I am grateful to EGW for being humorous, ridiculous, and just plain silly. Her writings bearing her name are 17 times as long as the Bibleplagiarized or not. Many of them have to do with her doctrines on health and food. As an SDA you will be encouraged to become a vegetarian. Ellen indicated that your salvation could be dependent on giving up meat. Fun to read to vegetarians. She taught in Counsels on Diet.. Partake of their nature?

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