

# THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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The Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA) is not a Christian organization, but a cult because its foundation rests on Ellen White (born Ellen Harmon, 1827). She was the unofficial leader and prophetess of the group who died in 1915. She had demonic visions, gave false prophecies and taught false prophetic doctrines, all of which she claimed were directly from the Holy Spirit or an angel of God. She also said that her writings, which are voluminous, were directly from God, but ministers within her own organization have revealed that 80% of what she said was 'word for word from God,' was plagiarized. Obviously, lying and plagiarism are not characteristics of a true prophet of the Lord Yeshua (Hebrew for Jesus).

Ellen White, like most false prophets, did not always lead astray, but also spoke of things that bear witness to the truth. This is what makes false prophets so deceptive and so effective in attracting people to them. They are not 'all evil,' but a 'mixed bag.' Also, many people have 'itching ears' and want to know the things of the future. Ellen White gave them plenty of 'future events' and 'prophetic words' to satisfy their lustful appetites.

## False Visions of Ellen G. White

Ellen White said she traveled to other inhabited planets, and one time, on either Jupiter or Saturn, she met Enoch (the seventh generation from Adam and Eve; Gen. 5:18, 23).<sup>1</sup> This is (demonic) spiritism, where 'travel to other planets' and meeting famous people or aliens of other planets (which she also met) is a very common thing. Walter Rea, a former SDA minister, writes,

"In Dec. 1844, at the age of 17, Ellen had her first vision, which was full of 'I saw,' or 'I was shown,' or 'the angel said.' It was a duplication of Foy's 'vision,' and on pages 95 and others of Baker's book, a list of the similarities are given. The garments, countenance, eyes, legs, feet, crown, arm, hand, voice and some of the scenes are identical, often with Ellen using the same words. Only a few examples need be given of the many to make the point that Ellen's 'vision' was not given by God to Ellen, but was taken from Foy."<sup>2</sup>

Another possible explanation was that White was having visions from 'familiar spirits.' Rea continues,

"Perhaps one of the greatest shocks to the Adventist myth of Ellen's 'divine visions' came with the publication...of Ronald Numbers' book, *Prophetess of Health*, in 1976...Numbers documents dozens of parallels where Ellen White is paraphrasing or even using the same words, thoughts and language of others and insisting that what she was seeing was coming directly from God. But Numbers had only scratched the surface...Ellen was copying not just from the doctors of her time, but from many...others in every field of thought she wrote about, always making sure that the 'vision' or 'scene' sounded as if she

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<sup>1</sup> [Ellen G. White](#), *The Early Years*, vol. 1, p. 114; 157. Ellen White said she saw Enoch on either Jupiter or Saturn (Early Writings, pp. 39-40).

<sup>2</sup> From <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/rea/sop.htm>. The book referred to is Delbert W. Baker's, *The Unknown Prophet*. Baker was an Adventist minister.

herself was there to ‘see’ or ‘hear’ what was actually taking place.”<sup>3</sup>

An account of what came to be known as *The Investigative Judgment* is reported by one who saw her having the vision:

“in meetings she would speak with great vehemence and rapidity until falling down, when, as she claimed, wonderful views of heaven and what was being transacted there were shown her. She claimed to have seen that Christ had left the office of mediation and assumed that of Judge, had closed the *door of mercy*, and was *blotting out the names* from the book of life.”<sup>4</sup>

An account of Ellen Harmon, before she married James White in August 1846, speaks of her using her ‘visions’ to manipulate people:

“Lucinda Burdick and Mary Bodge joined Ellen Harmon for prayer one afternoon in 1845. Here is Ms. Burdick’s account of what happened:”

“While I was engaged in prayer, suddenly, Ellen Harmon became *rigidly* prostrate upon the ground.<sup>5</sup> Miss Bodge immediately sent for James White, who she said was the only one that could talk with her while in one of these spells. He and many others hurried to the spot and he immediately began to ask her a great variety of questions. Her eyes remained open and assumed a glassy stare. Sometimes as she answered his questions she would rise *stiffly* to a half sitting posture only to fall back *rigidly* prostrate upon the ground. Her position upon the ground seemed so uncomfortable that I placed her head in my lap and supported her thus throughout the event. *Many of the questions* asked her by White were *relative to the spiritual standing of people* who lived in the surrounding country. Some she declared were right with God while others had spots upon their garments. It was noticeable that *the spotted ones were those who rejected her visions or hesitated to accept them fully*. This trance condition lasted more than an hour and someone suggesting that the gathering dew would cause them to take cold, White said, ‘I guess it will be the will of the Lord to bring her out,’ and immediately she arose and assumed her normal behavior.”<sup>6</sup>

## False Prophecies of Ellen White

Ellen White stated that Jerusalem, which lay in ruins in the 1850s, would *never* be built again. The official SDA response is that she was coming against a group that wanted to go to Jerusalem in the 1850s and begin a religious work there.<sup>7</sup>

Mrs. White prophesied that the world would end in 1850 and that she, as well as many other Adventists,

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<sup>3</sup> From <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/rea/sop.htm>. Ellen White spoke of ‘The Spirit of Prophecy,’ which was not of human origin nor questionable, and said that God directly revealed these things to her (*The Great Controversy*, p. xi.).

<sup>4</sup> At <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/egw18.htm>. More on what *The Investigative Judgment* is, below, on p. 4f.

<sup>5</sup> Rigidity is a sign of demonic influence (cf. Mark 9:18).

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. Rigidity in a trance-like state is not a sign of the Holy Spirit, but of demonic activity.

<sup>7</sup> At <http://www.whitestate.org/issues/video.html>, [point 10](#): ‘This prediction referred to a movement then underway (in 1850) to gather believers in the second advent to Jerusalem where a literal kingdom would be established in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy prior to Christ’s return. Ellen White’s predictive warning saved many former Millerites from this deception.’ ‘Jerusalem would never be built up’ (*Early Writings*, p. 75).

would be alive when Jesus returned.<sup>8</sup> The official SDA response to this failed prophecy is, ‘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...Revelation 22:7, 12, 20.’<sup>9</sup> This fails to address White’s *prophecy* that ‘the world would end in 1850.’

During the American Civil War, Ellen White predicted the downfall of the United States, saying that the USA would be ‘humbled in the dust.’ The official SDA response to this failed prophecy is that, ‘Ellen White used the phrase ‘humbled in the dust,’ which suggests something quite different from the literal downfall and destruction of the United States.’<sup>10</sup> The official response fails to answer what ‘humbled in the dust’ ‘actually meant’ to Ellen White, but obviously, the United States defeated the Confederate States, and was not ‘humbled.’ Actually, the Confederate States were ‘humbled in the dust.’

During the Civil War, Ellen White predicted that Great Britain would enter the war on the side of the Confederate States. The official SDA response to this failed prophecy is, ‘A careful reading of the context of what Ellen White actually wrote leads to a conclusion different from the one given on the video.’<sup>11</sup> Again, the official SDA response fails to persuade.

Ellen White spoke of being a prophetess of God who was sent by God *to reveal the secret sins of the people*, but many times failed to know sinners who were *ministers* in her midst:

‘God has been pleased to open to me the secrets of the inner life and the hidden sins of his people. The unpleasant duty has been laid upon me to reprove wrongs and reveal hidden sins’ (*Testimonies*, Vol. III., p. 314).

D.M. Canright says that Charles Shaffer, elder of the first Seventh-day Adventist Church at Washington, DC in 1915, believed that Ellen White was a prophetess who could see the secret sins of others and expose them, but came to realize differently. An excerpt of Shaffer’s testimony states:

‘Elder Fuller was...highly esteemed by the Advent people. There was a large church at Niles Hills, Pa. He lived near there, and for years had the oversight of this church. About 1869 or 1870 Elder White and his wife visited this church and stayed at the home of Mr. Fuller. Elder White publicly praised Fuller as a godly man of much ability. Only a few days later, by the confession of a conscience-stricken sister in that church, it came out that for years Fuller had been practicing adultery with five or six of the women in the church. All of them confessed, and Fuller had to own it himself. The community came near mobbing him. The whole denomination felt the shock and shame of it. But...Mrs. White...had been right there for days in Fuller’s home, in meetings with him, had met all these women, yet knew nothing of all this rotteness. A little later I went there and held meetings for two weeks, met all these people, and learned the whole shameful story.’<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> In 1850 Ellen White prophesied that Jesus would return in four months (*Early Writings*, pp. 64, 67). In 1856 she prophesied that some Adventists alive at that time would live to see the return of Jesus Christ (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, pp. 131-132).

<sup>9</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 11.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, point 12. During the Civil War she prophesied that Jesus was about to return (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 260). She also prophesied that Christ would return before slavery was abolished (*Early Writings*, p. 35).

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, point 13. The video referred to was made by a former SDA pastor who wanted to alert people to some of the errors of the SDA. In 1862 Ellen White prophesied that England would attack the USA and that the USA would be defeated (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 259).

The video can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrOOQE79jmo&feature=related>.

<sup>12</sup> See <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/canright/can16.htm> for more events of this nature.

# False and Heretical Teachings of Ellen White

Ellen White taught that *Jesus was Michael the archangel* and denied the Triune God:

“Seventh-day Adventists, in the early days, denied the Trinity, but now they accept it. However, they have ‘leftovers’ from this heresy. Ellen G. White wrote in *Patriarchs and Prophets*,<sup>13</sup> ‘He (Jesus) was revealed to them as the *Angel* of Jehovah, the Captain of the Lord’s Host, Michael the Archangel.’”<sup>14</sup>

The official SDA response to this is that,

‘The archangel Michael’s identity has been debated through the centuries. Both Ellen White and many non-Adventist Bible scholars equate Michael with Christ. This view does not require any lessening of Christ’s full deity.’<sup>15</sup>

Nowhere in Scripture is the so-called Angel of the LORD<sup>16</sup> ever equated with the angel Michael (Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9; Rev. 12:7). I know of no *Christian* scholars who teach that; only Jehovah Witnesses and cults like them. For a Christian, who doesn’t know the Bible, to make that mistake is understandable, but for an alleged prophetess of the Lord to teach that is inexcusable. Michael, as an angel, is a created being. Jesus was not created, but begotten. He has always been God the Son from eternity past.<sup>17</sup>

Initially, William Miller, a farmer turned preacher, who calculated the return of Christ and began the group called the Millerites, from whom many Adventists would come, predicted that Jesus would return in 1843, and when He did not return it was changed to Oct. 22, 1844 (the Day of Atonement according to the Karaite date).<sup>18</sup> When Jesus failed to return on that day the doctrine of *The Investigative Judgment* arose. Ellen White didn’t create the teaching, but she prophetically endorsed it and taught it as coming straight from God:

‘This doctrine teaches that Christ began investigating and judging His people in 1844. He started with the dead believers and will begin judging the living believers near the end of

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From [http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/false\\_prophets.htm](http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/false_prophets.htm): “D.M. Canright, was a former member of the General Conference Committee of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA). He was one of only three members serving on the council, along with SDA cofounder James White and one Mr. Haskell, making him one of the three highest officials in the SDA. Prior to leaving the SDA Canright was a teacher of theology in the SDA college at Battle Creek. He was writing the lessons for all their SDA Sabbath Schools throughout the world. He had the charge of some eighteen SDA churches in Michigan. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Sabbath School Association. He was member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Sabbath School Association. At the session of the general conference before he left the SDA, he was chairman of the International Sabbath School Association...The SDA published over twenty different publications written by Canright...Canright ultimately came to realize the doctrinal bankruptcy of the SDA and left the organization. He became a Baptist minister and in 1914 he wrote a book...which exposed the evils of the SDA and the apostasy of the SDA founders, Ellen G. White and her husband, James White. Canright was an insider who speaks from authority.”

<sup>13</sup> Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 71.

<sup>14</sup> At [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criticism\\_of\\_the\\_Seventh-day\\_Adventist\\_Church#Michael\\_the\\_Archangel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criticism_of_the_Seventh-day_Adventist_Church#Michael_the_Archangel).

<sup>15</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 21.

<sup>16</sup> See [The Angel of the Lord](#) and [Yeshua—His Deity and Sonship](#), point 3, for why the English designation *Angel of the LORD* is very misleading for Yeshua and what it should be.

<sup>17</sup> To understand how Jesus is God the Son from eternity past, see [Yeshua—God the Son](#).

<sup>18</sup> ‘There is more than one way of reckoning the Jewish calendar year. The Millerites considered the Karaite reckoning to be the closest to the Biblical reckoning.’ See <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point #3.

time. During this *Investigative Judgment* God either blots out the sins of the believer, or he removes the name of the believer from the Book of Life. When His judgment is complete, the door of probation will be shut and Jesus will return to earth to reward His people according to their works.’<sup>19</sup>

The official SDA response is that,

‘After the Great Disappointment, William Miller admitted his mistake regarding Christ’s returning on October 22, 1844, and he also gave up believing that October 22 had any prophetic significance. 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.’<sup>20</sup>

This refusal of Ellen White to accept that 22 Oct. 1844 meant nothing prophetically or biblically, led her to falsely teach, *The Investigative Judgment*. The official response of the SDA doesn’t deal with the problem that *the Investigative Judgment*, which ‘sprang up’ from this failed prophecy, is a smoke screen designed to cover her own unwillingness to confess that she was in error, and therefore, the deception had its power to deceive people into believing that something of eternal significance actually happened in Heaven.

The failure of the prophecy of Jesus returning on 22 Oct. 1844 was a failure that anyone could ‘test and see’ if it was false or not. With *The Investigative Judgment*, however, Ellen White presented, sanctioned and taught something that no one could ‘test and see’ (that Jesus is sitting as Judge in Heaven, etc.). They had to take her word for it. Be that as it may, *The Investigative Judgment* is a false and heretical teaching because Scripture says that Jesus *won’t* condemn anyone until the Day of Judgment, which takes place after Heaven and Earth are gone (Rev. 20:1-15; esp. v. 11f.). Therefore, Ellen White’s *Investigative Judgment*, which has her prophetic ‘seal of approval’ on it, and which is still taught in the SDA Church, is both a heretical teaching and an anti-Semitic one because it also teaches replacement theology.

After the Great Disappointment in 1844, as part of *The Investigative Judgment*, Ellen White *was shown in a vision* that **salvation had closed for the world**. This ‘Shut Door’ teaching is based on the door being shut to the unwise virgins; Matthew 25:10-12. The official SDA response to that is,

‘While Ellen White *believed for a time that no sinners would be converted after 1844*, she was never instructed in a vision that the door of salvation was shut for the world.’<sup>21</sup>

This official SDA response fails to acknowledge that Ellen White’s credentials as a prophetess was very tarnished with this teaching that salvation for the world was closed after 22 Oct. 1844. Instead, they sidestep the issue by saying that the teaching of the ‘no sinner saved after 22 Oct’ *came from a vision*.

Jim Moyers, a psychotherapist with academic training in religious studies, and a former SDA, explains how the ‘Shut Door’ teaching came about and its effect upon the group that would become known as the Adventists, saying,

“A small group continued to believe that the error lay neither in the date of October 22 nor in the expectation of some literal event. They had simply misunderstood the nature of what had occurred. While walking through a field *on the morning after* the Disappointment, Hiran Edson, a farmer in upstate New York, had a vision in which it was revealed

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<sup>19</sup> Taken from *Mrs. White and the Bible: The Investigative Judgment* by Ernesto Gil and Dirk Anderson.

<sup>20</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 5.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., point 15.

that the sanctuary referred to in Daniel 8:14 was not the earth, as Miller had taken it to be, but the heavenly sanctuary, the prototype of the ancient Israelite tabernacle. On October 22, 1844 Christ had entered the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary *to begin preparations for the Second Coming.*”

“In January 1845 two Millerite preachers, Apollos Hale and Joseph Turner, published an article expanding on this idea, saying that in entering into the Most Holy Place, *Christ ended his ministry of intercession for sinners and shut the ‘door of mercy’ on those who had rejected the Millerite message.* The parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins became a central text for advocates of this view. As represented in the parable, the Divine Bridegroom’s expected arrival had been temporarily delayed, and only those who were already prepared would be admitted to the wedding feast when he finally arrived.”

“William Miller himself seems to have believed, for at least a while, that the door of the Kingdom was shut for those sinners who had not repented by the October date. More importantly, for the little group that eventually became the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen Harmon *repeatedly confirmed* what became known as the ‘shut door’ view. Shortly after the publication of Hale and Turner’s article, *she had a vision*<sup>22</sup> while at a gathering of believers in the house of Israel Dammon. While others were expressing doubts as to whether *the door of salvation had really been shut against all non-believers*, Ellen was taken in vision and ‘shown’ that, in the words of a witness present when she gave her account,”

‘Jesus Christ arose and on the tenth day of the seventh month (October 22 in the Adventist [mis]understanding of the Jewish calendar) 1844, *shut the door of mercy; had left forever the mediatorial throne; the whole world was doomed and lost; and there never could be another sinner saved.*’

“Shortly thereafter, Harmon had opportunity to discuss the vision with Joseph Turner and was encouraged to find that his views corresponded with hers. Although a publication containing the article written by Turner and Hale was present in the house where Harmon had the shut door vision, *she maintained that she had no knowledge of their views prior to receiving the revelation.*”<sup>23</sup>

*The Investigative Judgment* doctrine has absolutely no basis in Scripture. The official SDA response is a non-response, referring the individual to some ‘sources:’

‘On the Biblical basis for the doctrine of the investigative pre-advent judgment in the heavenly sanctuary, see the following sources.’<sup>24</sup>

The Seven Day Adventists still teach *The Investigative Judgment*, obviously in modified form, which allows those born among them after 1844, and who have come into their Fold since then, to go to heaven.

Ellen White denied the assurance of the gospel by teaching that when a person’s name comes up in *The Investigative Judgment*, even one unconfessed sin will prevent the individual from being saved. The official SDA response to this is that,

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<sup>22</sup> This specifically refutes the official SDA response that Ellen White never had a vision about this.

<sup>23</sup> At <http://web.me.com/jimmoyers/Religion/E.G. White & Adventism.html>. Again, Ellen’s denial could be truthful, which would mean that it was a familiar spirit who had given it to her. For a balanced presentation of Ellen White and the SDA, read the article by Moyers.

<sup>24</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 31.

“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” (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 555-556). While *holding on to even one sin is sufficient to lose one’s salvation*, Ellen White believed in the efficacy of Christ’s atonement and intercession to fully restore sinners to God’s favor, thus providing assurance during the judgment time. She wrote, ‘If you are right with God today, you are ready if Christ should come today’ (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 227). The last words Ellen White spoke to her son were, ‘I know in whom I have believed’ (*Life Sketches*, p. 449).<sup>25</sup>

This seems like double-talk: ‘even one sin is sufficient to lose one’s salvation,’ yet, she ‘believed in the efficacy of Christ’s atonement.’ Some of Ellen White’s words were good, and if this were all she ever said it would have been well for her, but unfortunately, it wasn’t.<sup>26</sup>

## Ellen White’s Writings: Authoritative and Inspired as Scripture?

The Seventh Day Adventist Church reveres,

“their founding prophetess, Ellen G. White, and made this statement in their ‘Ministry’ Magazine of Oct. 1981 and have never retracted it:

‘We believe the revelation and inspiration of both the Bible and Ellen White’s writings *to be of equal quality*. The superintendence of the Holy Spirit was *just as careful and thorough in one case as in the other*.’<sup>27</sup>

Jim Moyers writes:

“Officially the church teaches that White’s writings, while inspired to the same degree as those of Biblical authors, are not to be considered equal in authority to the Bible. Yet in practice, this fine, and confusing distinction is often disregarded. Almost all the unique beliefs that separate Adventism from the rest of Christianity have their basis in the works of Ellen G. White. A great many Adventists, regardless of the official pronouncements of the church hierarchy, consider White’s writings *to be an infallible authority* in which there is no error. This belief is at the heart of the Ellen G. White problem. If her writings are divinely inspired, how then to account for such things, to name one of many possible instances, as the *deletion* of visionary material upholding the Shut Door teaching from the official canon of her works and *her repeated denials of having ever held such a view?*”<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 18.

<sup>26</sup> Ellen White taught that Christ’s atonement at His death was not complete (*Early Writings*, p. 253), but Scripture declares that it was complete (cf. John 19:30; Rom. 5:9-11) and when asked if one was saved by Grace alone, Ellen White said, ‘No.’ (*Church Object Lessons*, p. 155, but Scripture says otherwise; Jn. 15:24; 1st John 5:13.)

<sup>27</sup> From [http://www.macgregorministries.org/seventh\\_day\\_adventists/sda\\_facts.html](http://www.macgregorministries.org/seventh_day_adventists/sda_facts.html). This is also what the Mormons say about Joseph Smith’s writings, and what Catholics teach about the Pope’s declarations.

<sup>28</sup> From <http://web.me.com/jimmoyers/Religion/E.G. White & Adventism.html>.

# Ellen G. White and Plagiarism

Ellen White was a prolific writer who said that her writings were straight from God. A number of former Adventist pastors have written books (e.g. *White-Washed* by Sydney Cleveland and, *The White Lie* by Walter Rea) declaring that about 80% or more of her writings were plagiarized (e.g. her book, *Sketches of Paul* was plagiarized in its entirety and was threatened with a lawsuit). The official SDA response is that,

‘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.’<sup>29</sup>

The SDA also states that copyright laws were not around then, and that she spoke of taking things from other authors and not giving them credit for it because their words presented what she wanted to say in a powerful way, and it was not the author she wanted to glorify, but the thought.

The issue is that Ellen White *presented them as her own, straight from God*, not that there weren’t copyright laws. Ellen White’s writings were many: ‘During her lifetime she wrote more than 5,000 periodical articles and 40 books. Today, including compilations from her 50,000 pages of manuscript, more than 100 titles are available in English.’<sup>30</sup> Walter Rea, in relation to Ellen White’s profuse plagiarism, states,

“In order to be as objective as possible it is only fair and proper to present what Ellen White herself said in public and in her writings as to her *source* of material. There are many such statements, but only a few are necessary, in as much as none of the statements, from the beginning to the end of her life, ever changed from the thought that God was behind it all. Hundreds of, ‘*I was shown*,’ were used in her early writings, and no doubt was ever left as to who showed her what. It was always an angel of God or of the Spirit of God, and not man. Note the following:” Ellen White wrote this letter:

“God was speaking through clay. You might say that 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, 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” (letter to Dr. Paulson; St. Helena, California, June 14, 1906, Selected Messages, pp. 24-37).

Rea continues,

“And yet, in spite of these absolute, unequivocal statements, what followed in the next paragraph and for several after, ***was word for word, thought for thought, sentence for sentence, copy work from another author*** without giving any credit to any human source, leaving the impression to anyone reading that it all came by ‘*what God has opened before me in vision*’ or ‘*things that had been shown me*’ or ‘*prompted by the Spirit of God.*’”<sup>31</sup>

<sup>29</sup> At <http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/video.html>, point 20.

<sup>30</sup> From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen\\_G.\\_White](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_G._White).

<sup>31</sup> From <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/rea/sop.htm>.



“The defense for her actions that was used up until our time was that the amount was the important issue and that that amount varied from 8% to 10%, depending upon which apologist one read or wanted to believe. It was not until the Church hired Dr. Fred Veltman to study the book, *Desire of Ages*, that the figure was raised to 30% or more, depending upon the chapters chosen in the book one was using. After great expense and almost eight years, Veltman confirmed what other studies showed, that depending upon the material used from Ellen White’s writing, the copy work could be as much as 90%. In fact, Dr. Don McAdams, an Adventist scholar, had stated in the 1980 Glendale meeting that, ‘If every paragraph in the book, *The Great Controversy*, written by Ellen White, was properly footnoted, *then every paragraph would have to be footnoted.*’ That statement has never been seriously challenged by any member of the Church.”

“It is clear to any reasonable scholar that the Church has not dealt with the real issues that the many studies have raised...and inform the Church as a whole what the real issues are. Instead, they have continued to cloud the issues of copying and plagiarizing with other less important issues, such as, what is the proper interpretation of inspiration?...interpretation, or even the thought of inspiration, is a word and concept that theologians have argued and debated and even killed each other over for almost two thousand years. Administrators or scholars of the Adventist Church still have not answered their own hired scholar, Dr. Fred Veltman, when after finishing his study he asked, ‘Why did Ellen G. White deny that she ever copied?’”

“The real issue, of course, is one that the Church will not...debate or discuss in public, debate with me or any scholar who has studied her writings. But that real issue is greatly discussed and debated by scholars of the Church and honest thinkers and lay members who want to know the truth concerning the Church and its writings and its ‘Spirit of Prophecy’” (a name for Ellen White and all her writings).

“The real issue is, of course,

1. how much was the copy work in all of her writings of human function and origin, and how much of it, if any, was of divine origin or a supernatural gift from God?
2. How reliable is the information contained in the books under Ellen White’s name?
3. A related issue, depending upon how one answers the first issue, is what kind of a God does the Seventh-day Adventist Church worship? Is it one who is above deceit and lying and one who does not need the words of others to deliver ideas and thoughts in the mouth or mind of another who has been copied, or is He a God who would play tricks and clever games on His creation?”

“This study, which I call, *How the Thoughts and Suppositions of Other Writers Became God’s Absolutes through Ellen G. White*, will show that *each time Ellen White said, ‘I was shown,’* to give the impression that God was speaking through her, she was in reality *copying other people’s thoughts and impressions, often word for word*, without giving credit to her human sources. The study will also show that as she copied, starting at the very beginning of her writings to the very end, that even in her most serious, and some think ‘sacred testimonies,’ she was turning the suppositions and fantasies of those writers she was copying into her absolutes from God, as if she was getting her ‘insights’ and ‘inspiration’ from a higher source.”

*“No reasonable person, after checking the references given and the copy work presented,*

could seriously argue in public or private that 'God' had anything to do with such deception."

"*The Great Controversy*, supposedly communicated by God to the world through Ellen White...attacks almost every religious system in the civilized world, but yet makes it clear that God only approves of those Adventists who believe, live and practice what Ellen White, their prophet, has said God told them to believe."<sup>32</sup>

Yet many traditional Seventh Day Adventists hold the 'Spirit of Prophecy' (the entirety of Ellen White's writings) 'to be equal to Scripture in inspiration and authority.'<sup>33</sup>

## Conclusion

The Seventh Day Adventist Church teaches heresy and is adulterated with 'the spirit of Ellen G. White,' its founding prophetess, who had demonic visions, and intentionally deceived the people and who prophesied falsely, was involved in spiritism, lied profusely (in plagiarizing most of her writings and saying that they were from God), manipulated people, which is witchcraft (1st Sam. 15:23),<sup>34</sup> and taught many heretical doctrines (e.g. *The Investigative Judgment*). Today, the SDA Church has the dark cloud of Ellen White over it because it has not severed itself from White, but instead, in response to numerous, rightful complaints against her, dishonestly evades the issues about her, and so, is actually an accomplice to her witchcraft and her many sins of deception.

The SDAs do good things in the world through their hospitals and relief help, etc., but so do the Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, the Roman Catholic Church and the Shriners, etc. *Doing good*, though, doesn't mean that an organization (or a person) is a true follower of the Nazarene. Satan is the Master Deceiver and he doesn't always come in a fiery-smoking black cloak of darkness and evil. He, and his messengers, like Ellen White, can transform themselves into what seem to be apostles, prophets and 'angels of light' (2nd Cor. 11:12-15). A good counterfeiter knows that in order to deceive a person he has to make his phony money look as much like *the real thing* as he can. He also knows 'good' \$90 bills won't fool anyone because they don't exist, and so won't fool anyone.

Satan gives his people things that look a lot like the Real Thing, and it's only through knowledge of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit that we can truly discern who is real and who isn't. ***Ellen White failed the test her entire life. She was a false prophet, a false teacher and a plagiarizing pathological liar***, but the SDA Church continues to present her as a sterling example of a Christian prophet and teacher, and presents her writings as inspired of God. The SDA Church is a lying and deceiving church and shares in the guilt of Ellen White.

The Age of Deception has been going on for as least 2,000 years, since the days of the Apostles. There were other so-called apostles, prophets and teachers who rose up at that time to lead the Elect away from the true Messiah,<sup>35</sup> and it continues until this day. Just a cursory reading of First and Second Corinthians, Galatians and Colossians reveal that Satan was after the sheep of the Lord back then, too.

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<sup>32</sup> The article is at <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/rea/sop.htm>.

See also <http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/rea/letter2004.htm>, where Mr. Rea speaks of how it is 25 years after he exposed Ellen White's plagiarism.

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.watchman.org/articles/cults-alternative-religions/from-millers-prediction-to-koreshs-rise/>.

<sup>34</sup> Rebellion is seen as the sin of witchcraft because a rebellious person seeks to have his way over God's way.

<sup>35</sup> Mt. 3:12; 7:15; 13:24-40; 24:11, 24; Mk. 13:22; Lk. 3:17; 2nd Cor. 1:13; Rev. 2:2.

If you are pastor or a member of the SDA Church I would counsel you to sever your ties with them, both in the natural and in the spiritual realm, asking Jesus to come into your life (if you have not been Born Again; John 3:3, 5 and to forgive you for your sins). Even if I didn't know The Hebraic Perspective, and all the falsehood that is in the Protestant churches, I wouldn't be a part of them because of their founding false prophetess, Ellen G. White, and the persistent evasiveness of the SDA authorities concerning Ellen White and her doctrines, etc., and what they continue to teach.

## ***What about From Sabbath to Sunday?***

What, then, about Samuele Bacchiocchi's book, *From Sabbath to Sunday*? Bacchiocchi was a Seventh Day Adventist. Should we even be reading his book if there are so many problems with Ellen White and the SDAs? An ancient philosopher was asked why he went to listen to another philosopher, whom many thought was only a babler. He said, 'When I eat a banana I throw away the peel.' Bacchiocchi's book presents tremendous historical insight and scriptural evidence for the 7th day Sabbath. Bacchiocchi's book is the banana to eat...don't eat the peel that it's wrapped in (that he was part of the SDA Church).

Bacchiocchi did his graduate work at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and was able to examine 'the most ancient documents' in the 'Pontifical libraries and archives in Rome, Italy,' something, I believe, which no non-Catholic was ever able to do before or since. The things that he reveals about the heretical Roman Catholic doctrine surrounding the change from God's 7th day Sabbath to Sunday is well worth the reading of his book. It's an excellent resource for the Sabbath, as well as for the Law of Moses. Bacchiocchi, not a Torah keeper himself, notes that Sabbath and Passover (as well as the Law) were kept by the Apostles, as well as many Gentile and Jewish believers *after* apostolic times. This confirms Torah (Mosaic Law) for every believer in Messiah Yeshua. In *other* words, if both the 7th day Sabbath, the Passover and the Law are written of in Church history as being kept by the Apostles and those living a number of generations after them, it's evident that Mosaic Law wasn't 'done away with' by Jesus or Paul, as the Church wrongly teaches. Be that as it may, I do not endorse, encourage nor support the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Yeshua said: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and ***they follow Me.***" (John 10:27) And the Apostle Paul wrote:

"But even if we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8; cf. Acts 20:25-30; 1st Tim. 4:1f.)<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Revised on Friday, May 8, 2020.