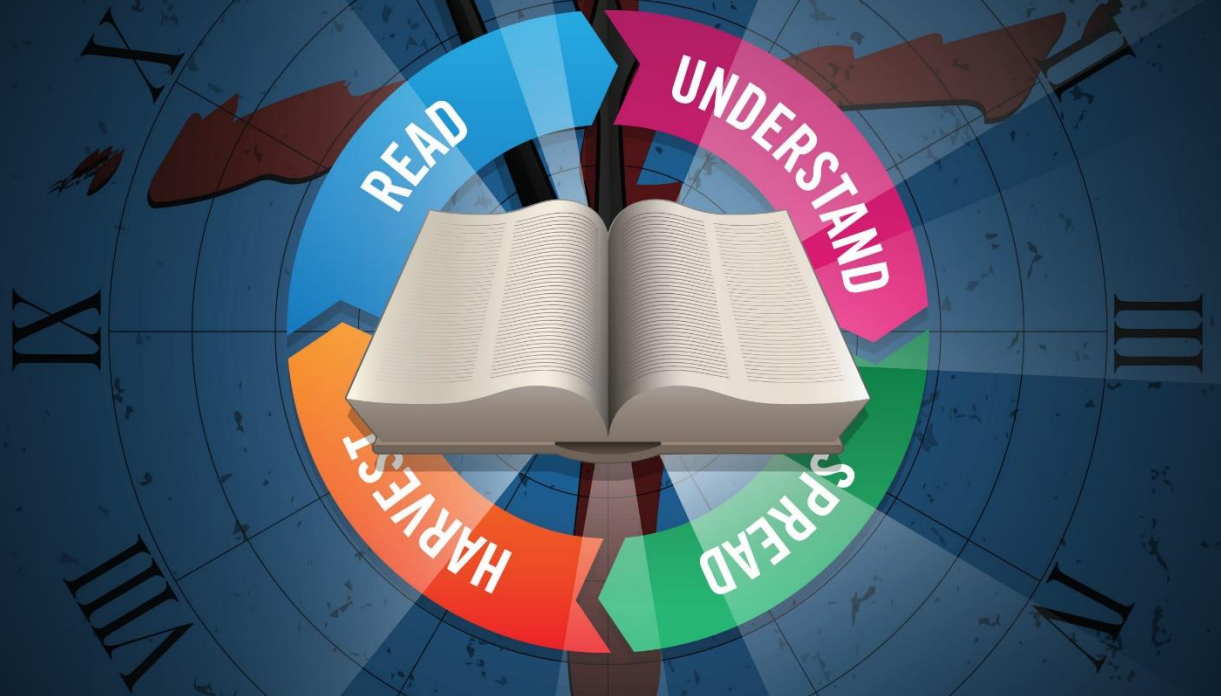


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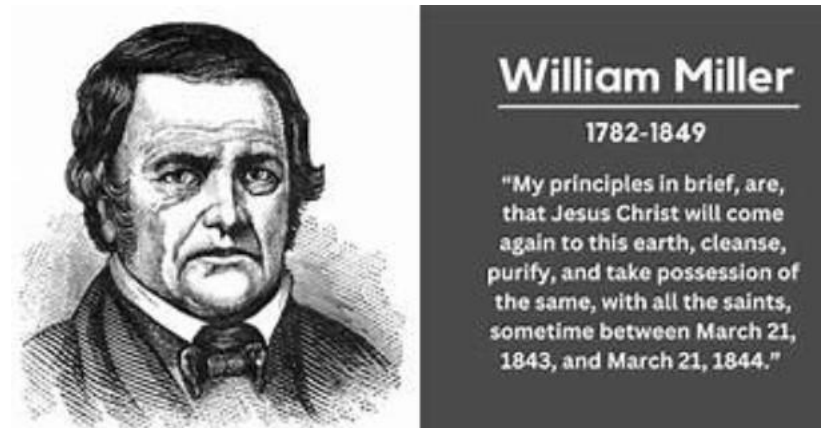
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The Seventh Day Adventists (SDA's) all firmly believe in the authority of a woman named
Ellen G. White.



They claim falsely that the “spirit of prophecy” was manifest in the ministry of Ellen White as a sign of the remnant church. They believe her writings are inspired counsel from the Lord and authoritative in doctrinal matters.

She was a follower of a “Pastor” named **William Miller** who **falsely prophesied** that Jesus would return between March 21st, 1843 – March 21st, 1844.



The church exploded until the **prophecy failed.**

The SDA “church” unfortunately was born as a result.

They changed the interpretation of Millers failed prophecy to mean Christ entered the final phase of His atoning work in the sanctuary in heaven instead.

They should have just obeyed Deuteronomy 18:22.

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”

As a result of viewing the Bible through the “lens” of Ellen G. White, they posit a legalistic view of the Saturday Sabbath, a host of false interpretations of scripture and Dietary restrictions in violation of **1 Timothy 4:1-5;**

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

and **Colossians 2:16-17;**

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The History of this movements starts when Ellen Gould Harmon was born on a small farm in Maine on 11/26/1827. Her parents soon moved to Portland Oregon where her father became a hat maker. When young Ellen was just nine years old she was permanently disfigured when a fellow student struck her in the head with a rock, throwing her into a coma that would last for several weeks. Some have surmised this may have been the source of her delusions.

When she was twelve years old her family attended a Methodist camp meeting where she accepted Christ. Her family would soon fall under the spell of a false prophet named William Miller. A capable and convincing orator who focused heavily on Biblical prophecy. He falsely prophesied that Christ would return on October 22, 1844. **Oops.** The failure of this prophecy would be referred to as **“The Great Disappointment.”** The followers of Miller, called Adventists, were split into factions arguing over what to do next. During this time, Ellen claimed to have received some visions of her own, and was compelling enough to convince many that these visions were from God.

Her visions kept coming, and many of the disenfranchised among Millers followers began to coalesce around Ellen. She would quickly become their leader.

In 1846 she married an Adventist preacher named James White.



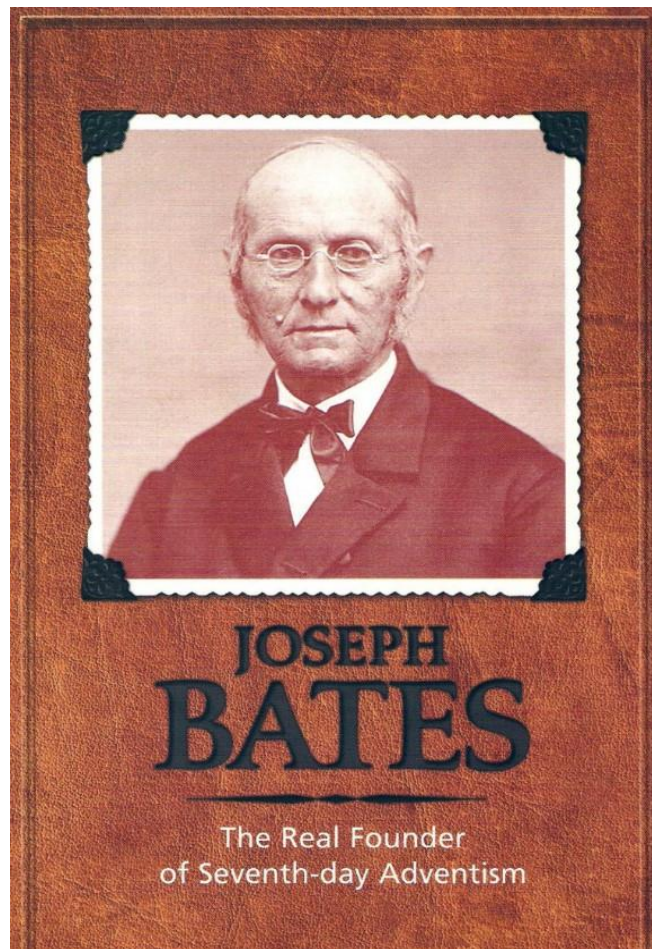
In 1855 they moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. Within five years all the remaining Adventist churches gathered there, renamed themselves Seventh Day Adventists, and formed the Denomination.

Ellen G. White claimed to have received over 2,000 visions during this time, using these visions to form the world view adopted by Adventists today. Her work, titled “Testimonies for the Church” went from 16 pages to 9 volumes. In 1863 she claims to have received a vision concerning human health and these regulations such as rejecting meat, coffee, and medication are followed by most adherents to this day.

Ellen worked for her church until she passed in 1915 at the age of 87, having written 5,000 articles and 40 books. At the time of her death the denomination reached 140,000 members. Today they number 18 million.

The False Teaching:

The most obvious false teaching was the one that gave the Seventh-day Adventists their name: the view that the proper day of worship is Saturday rather than Sunday. Shortly after James and Ellen married, they studied a tract written by **Joseph Bates** titled *Seventh-day Sabbath* and became convinced that they were to keep Saturday as the sabbath.



Six months later, Ellen claimed to have had a vision in which she saw the law of God with a halo of light surrounding the fourth commandment. She and her husband took this as proof that their newfound understanding was correct. **They elevated this to a doctrine of first importance.**

Much of Seventh Day Adventism, including Ellen's own writings, include sound doctrine. The Blessed Hope, The Inspiration of Scripture, The Authority of Scripture, Salvation through Christ etc. The problem arises when you mix her "visions" with scripture.

98% of rat poison is "sunflower seeds". It's good eating. It's the 2% arsenic that kills you. DH

They believe that Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast. They believe the true remnant church must worship and honor Saturday as the Sabbath. This is in violation of Romans 14:1-9,17, which also covers their false teachings on Christians following their dietary laws.

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The above is also covered in many other passages, one of which we mentioned in the introduction from **1 Timothy 4:1-9**.

False beliefs you may research at your leisure and expose exactly how evil Ellen was include:

Ellen G. White's interpretation of Scripture super-cedes everyone else's interpretation. She stated:

"No Sunday worshiper will receive the Seal of God, Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast",
(*Testimonies for the church 8:117*)

Revelation 13:16-17 clearly shows the Mark of the Beast is a physical mark that will allow consumers to operate in the world's economy during the Tribulation Period, not on if they obey Ellen Whites musings.

"Rebelling against my visions is rebelling against God" (*t.f.t.c. 15:88.1*)

Technically this makes Ellen equal with God! Heresy. Even Paul, who wrote scripture praised the Berean people because they didn't believe at 1st but checked to see if Paul was correct in Acts 17:11.

She claims to “question her visions is to insult God”, in Testimonies for the Church vol. 5 page 64.

“Yet now when I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be merely the opinion of Sister White. You have thereby insulted the Spirit of God. You know how the Lord has manifested Himself through the spirit of prophesy. Past, present, and future have passed before me. I have been shown faces that I had never seen, and years afterward I knew them when I saw them.”

She claims inerrancy in Selected Messages Book 3, page 52.

“While I am able to do this work, the people must have things to revive past history, that they may see that there is one straight chain of truth, without one heretical sentence, in that which I have written.”

The above claim to divine inspiration is repeated one way or the other hundreds of times in her lifetime. Adventists today will say that she points to scripture, but is not equal to scripture. They are lying to themselves. Ellen G. White was a false prophet who has led many astray.

False Prophecies of Ellen G. White:

and “it is up to us, (the believer) to cleanse ourselves of sin”. (*testimony for the church vol 5 page 214*)

That point really gets to me. One of the promises I stand on from Scripture is from 1 John 1:9:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He will cleanse us, Ellen say's it is up to us. Good luck with that.

“The Sabbath Day is Mandatory for Salvation” (*seventh day Adventists fundamental beliefs #20*).

Romans 14:1-9 from above. Adding don't mow the lawn on Saturday to the blood of Jesus for salvation is not just silly, its heresy.

“That Christ didn't enter Heaven until 1844. Up to that time Jesus was in an Apartment outside the Main Sanctuary.” (*The Great Controversy 409*)

Hebrews 1:3 clearly shows Jesus is at the right hand of God right from His ascension. This early testimony from Ellen was soon after her salvation experience, and no doubt before she read the Bible very much.

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Hebrews 1:3

False Prophecies of Ellen G. White:

Ellen G. White falsely proclaimed in 1856, while teaching at an SDA conference that some attending that conference would be alive when Christ would return bodily on Earth, along with the final 7 plagues written in the book of Revelation. They obviously are all long ago dead. (T.O.T.C. vol 1, page 131-132).

This is a failed prophecy.

Ellen G. White proclaimed Jerusalem would never be rebuilt. (Early Writings, page 75), as you all know Jerusalem was rebuilt from 1948-1968. **Another false prophecy.**

Ellen G. White proclaimed in 1862 that England would declare war against the United States during the Civil War. She continued, “this nation (the U.S.A.) would be humbled to the dust”. (T.O.T.C. vol. 1, page 259). **This never happened.**

In her book, The Early Writings”, she falsely prophesied on June 27th, 1850, Jesus would return “in a few months”, on page 67. **Another lie.**

Ellen also falsely claimed that Christ would return before slavery was abolished in America. (E.W. page 35).

Ellen also claimed to have visited Saturn and Jupiter and saw majestic people and animals, and even visited with Enoch for a spell. We have since sent many probes and satalites to these planets, none of which have revealed any people or life. (A Word to the Little Flock, page 22). **She obviously made the whole thing up.**

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and remember.... Win souls, not arguments. DH

