

The Summary of the Issue:

Peer reviewed science has been included into official statements listed under beliefs on our official website Adventist.org. These official statements go contrary to scripture and our fundamental beliefs. This is a reformatory work that is seeking to bring our church back to Sola Scriptura.

A Bit More Background

1. Introduction to SDA fundamentals states: UPHOLDING THE PROTESTANT CONVICTION OF **SOLA SCRIPTURA** ("BIBLE ONLY"), THESE 28 FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS DESCRIBE HOW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS INTERPRET SCRIPTURE FOR DAILY APPLICATION. <https://www.adventist.org/beliefs>

2. **Fundamental Belief 1: Holy Scripture, Bible:** The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration. ... The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. <https://www.adventist.org/holy-scriptures/>

3. Because the Holy Scriptures teach the gift of prophecy we have **Fundamental Belief 18: The Gift of Prophecy:** The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of **Ellen G. White. Her writings** speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. <https://www.adventist.org/gift-of-prophecy/>

4. Both the Bible and EGW contain counsel on health, which is why the SDA health message is included in **Fundamental Belief 22: Christian Behaviour:** It also means that because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we are to care for them intelligently. Along with adequate exercise and rest, we are to adopt the most healthful diet possible and abstain from the unclean foods identified in the Scriptures. Since alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of drugs and narcotics are harmful to our bodies, we are to abstain from them as well. In summary, the SDA health emphasis is a matter of fundamental belief, and the SDA health emphasis is based on the Bible only (and by extension the gift of prophecy). <https://www.adventist.org/christian-behavior/>

5. **The issue:** GC Adcom produced a statement which claims: *"The Seventh-day Adventist Church places strong emphasis on health and well-being. [True, this is fundamental 22] The Adventist health emphasis [fundamental 22] is based on biblical revelation [true, fundamental 1], the inspired writing of E.G. White [true, fundamental 18] (co-founder of the Church), and on peer-reviewed scientific literature [false, neither fundamental 22 nor any other fundamental recognizes peer-reviewed science].* Thereafter the entirety of the remainder of the statement then draws on this single source, peer-reviewed science, and therefore the statement is based on a fallible and uninspired source and thus **in conflict with the fundamental beliefs.** <https://www.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization/>