

EXAMINING SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM

Every quotation in this document, the author of which is not given, is from the pen of Mrs. White, whose writings are all considered by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal authority with the Bible. Emphasis in the quotations supplied.

"WE ARE THE PEOPLE"

Seventh-day Adventists lay claim to being the only church which God recognizes as His church. Their prophet says:

"There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places;" Testimonies to Ministers, p. 50.

"God has a people in which all heaven is interested, and they are the one object on earth dear to the heart of God." Ibid. p. 41

"The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd, and counseld, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard." Id. 49.

"The world is in need of the saving truth that God has intrusted to His people. The world will perish unless it be given a knowledge of God through His chosen agencies." Id. 459.

In all of the above quotations

Mrs. E. G. White is speaking of the Seventh-day Adventists.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS MOST SHAMEFULLY ABUSE ALL OTHER CHURCHES

They go to the extreme of warning the people not to attend the services of other churches.

"I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I say that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul, and teach for doctrines the commandments of men." Early Writings, p. 124.

MEMBERS OF OTHER CHURCHES ARE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL

"I saw that if the false covering could be torn off from the members of the churches, there would be revealed such iniquity, vileness and corruption, that the most diffident child of God would have no hesitancy in calling them by their right name, children of their father, the Devil; for his works they do." Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1, p. 128.

"Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were

left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven." Early Writings, p. 236.

"I saw that the nominal churches, as the Jews crucified JESUS, had crucified these messages, [the three angel's messages of Rev. 14.] and therefore they have no knowledge of the move made in heaven, or of the way into the Most Holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of JESUS there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which JESUS has left, and Satan, pleased with the deception of the professed followers of CHRIST, fastens them in his snare, and assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, and works with his power, his signs and lying wonders . . . I saw false reformations everywhere. The churches were elated, and considered that GOD was marvelously working for them, when it was another spirit." Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1, pp. 171, 172.

At the time Mrs. White said that she "saw false reformations everywhere," Charles G. Finney, probably the greatest of the nineteenth century evangelists, was holding some most remarkable revivals in

the neighborhood where the Whites were living; so this denouncement of the churches included the reformations of Chas. Finney.

SATAN HAS TAKEN FULL POSSESSION OF THE CHURCHES

"I saw that since the second angel proclaimed the fall of the churches, they have been growing more and more corrupt . . .

"Satan has taken full possession of the churches as a body." Early Writings, p. 273.

"I saw that since JESUS had left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, and had entered within the second vail, the churches were left as were the Jews; and they have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great iniquity and vileness in the churches; yet they profess to be Christians. Their profession, their prayers and their exhortations are an abomination in the sight of GOD. ..Said the angel, GOD will not smell in their assemblies." Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1, p. 190.

OTHER CHURCHES ARE CROWDED WITH EVIL ANGELS

"An innumerable host of evil angels are spreading themselves over the whole land. ..The churches and religious bodies are crowded with them." Id. 191.

March 24, 1849, Mrs. White had a vision in which she says:

"I saw that the mysterious signs and wonders, and false reformations would increase, and spread. The reformations that were shown me, were not reformations from error to truth; but from bad to worse; for those who professed a change of heart, had only wrapped about them a religious garb, which covered up the iniquity of a wicked heart. ..Some appeared to have been really converted, so as to deceive God's people; but if their hearts could be seen, they would appear as black as ever.

"My accompanying angel bade me look for the travail of soul for sinners as used to be. I looked, but could not see it; for the time for their salvation is past." Present Truth, Aug. 1849, p. 22.

The emphasized portion of the above quotation is omitted from all of her later publications. For seven years after 1844 Mrs. White and her followers were teaching that probation for all the world except the Advent believers was closed and they were calling First-day Adventists Laodiceans for trying to save sinners. Some of their leaders have indulged in the rankest deceptions to deny and cover up this fact.

SDAs DENY THE ATONEMENT WAS MADE ON THE CROSS

"Christ did not make the atonement when He shed His blood upon the cross. Let this fact be fixed forever in the mind." Looking Unto Jesus, p. 237, by Uriah Smith, 1898.

Uriah Smith was editor of their denominational paper, the Review and Herald, for nearly fifty years. They teach that Christ did not begin to make atonement for sin until 1844.

THEY TEACH THAT SATAN BEARS THE SINS OF THE REDEEMED

"Satan bore not only the weight and punishment of his own sins, but also of the sins of the redeemed host, which had been placed upon him." Early Writings, pp. 294, 295.

THEY TEACH THAT GOD REWARDS THE DEVIL FOR HIS DEVILTRY

"Also it would be for his [Satan's] own interest to keep from Jesus as many as possible. For the sins of those who are redeemed by the blood of Christ will at last be rolled back upon the originator of sin, and he must bear their punishment, while those who do not accept salvation through Jesus, will suffer the penalty of their own sins." Early Writings, p. 178.

"It would have been far better

for him [Satan] if he had never led men into sin. But having entered upon this work, we see that he has a personal motive of the most powerful kind to induce him to hold persons in sin to the last; for then they receive the punishment for their own sins which he otherwise must suffer. And every one who escapes from his power and secures salvation through Christ, adds an additional weight to his accumulating load of woe." Looking Unto Jesus, p. 271, by Uriah Smith.

This puts God in the position of paying a premium on devilry. If the devil is diligent and keeps on the job so that few are saved he doesn't receive so much punishment as he will if he "lays down on the job" and allows people to become Christians. This is offering the devil a reward for successful devilry.

THEY CONDEMN THE WORK OF MOODY

"This state of religious declension among the popular churches has been a marked condition with them since 1844. The most devoted among them saw and deeply deplored it then . . . **Their condition in this respect has not improved since; and the spasmodic and emotional efforts of a Knapp, Hammond, Moody, and other modern revivalists, are not affording**

any permanent improvement. There is an advanced truth for this age, and no permanent work of religious reform can be accomplished except in connection therewith," The Biblical Institute, by James White and Uriah Smith, p. 88.

NO SALVATION OUTSIDE THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

"The Laodicean church is the church of Christ for the period in which we live, and He has no other. Those who renounce membership in the Laodicean church place themselves outside the fold of Christ." Review and Herald, Sept. 26, 1935. They claim to be the Laodicean church. Read the description in Rev. 3:14-18 and see how well it fits.

SDA'S BELIEVE IT WAS RIGHT? TO BE WRONG AND WRONG TO BE RIGHT

"I saw that GOD had honest children among the nominal Adventists, and the fallen churches, and ministers and people will yet be called out from these churches. before the plagues shall be poured out, and they will gladly embrace the truth. Satan knows this, and before the loud cry of the third angel, raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think GOD is with them. He hopes

to deceive the honest, and lead them to think that GOD is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and every one of the honest ones will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." *Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 1, pp. 172, 173.

Such outstanding characters as Finney, Alexander Campbell, Albert Barnes, David Livingstone, John G. Paton, and scores of other men of God knew that Miller's predictions would fail and some of them tried to show him his mistakes. They were too familiar with their Bibles to be led into such errors. According to Mrs. White, the SDA prophet, these men were all rejected because they refused to accept and teach error; but Mrs. White and her followers who believed and taught this error were the favorites of God. None of these people accepted the teachings of SDAs, and therefore, according to Mrs. White, they will all be lost.

This comes very close to being blasphemy, for it is exactly of the same character as the teachings of the Pharisees in the days of Christ, attributing the work of God to the work of the devil.

MRS. WHITE, THEIR PROPHET, TEACHES EVOLUTION

"Every species of animals which God created was preserved in the

ark. The confused species which God did not create, which were the result of amalgamation, were destroyed by the flood. **Since the flood, there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, and in certain races of men.**" *Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, p. 78.

"But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God and caused confusion everywhere." Id-69.

These statements were published in 1864 and again in 1870, but were omitted in later editions.

This is as rank a teaching of evolution as has ever appeared in print, and it is a scientific absurdity. Editor Uriah Smith tried to convince his people that it was the truth, as the following quotation shows:

"There was amalgamation; and the effect is still visible in certain races of men . . . But does any one deny the general statement contained in the extract given above? They do not. If they did, they could easily be silenced by reference to such cases as the wild Bushmen of Africa, some tribes of the Hottentots, and perhaps the

Digger Indians of our own country, &c." The Visions, by Uriah Smith, p. 103.

No SDA would dare meet an evolutionist in debate who is familiar with this inspired (?) teaching.

THEIR PROPHET DISCOURAGES MARRIAGE

"In this age of the world, as the scenes of earth's history are soon to close, and we are about to enter upon the time of trouble such as never was, **the fewer the marriages contracted, the better for all, both men and women.**" Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5. p. 366, 1885.

MRS. WHITE CONDEMNS THE USE OF MEAT AND BUTTER

"We bear positive testimony against tobacco, spirituous liquors, snuff, tea, coffee, flesh-meats, butter, spices, rich cakes, mince pies, a large amount of salt, and all exciting substances used as articles of food." Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 21.

This was published in 1872, yet she ate butter and meat for at least twenty years after this.

THE 1856 CONFERENCE

"I was shown the company present at the Conference. Said the angel, 'Some food for worms, some subjects of the seven last plagues, some will be alive and remain upon

the earth to be translated at the coming of Jesus.'" Id. Vol. 1, pp. 131, 132.

All who attended this Conference, including the babies, are now dead. So there are none left to suffer in the "seven last plagues" or "to be translated at the coming of Jesus." What kind of an angel gave her this instruction?

MRS. WHITE A GREAT PLAGIARIST

No writer of a book ever used so much from other authors without credit as did Mrs. White; yet she claimed that every word she wrote was a direct revelation from God. Sketches from the Life of Paul was taken so largely from Conybeare & Howson's Life and Epistles of Paul, that they were compelled to take it off the market when it was in great demand.

Her most popular book, Great Controversy, was largely copied from D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, and Wylie's History of Protestantism. Whole paragraphs are used with little or no change yet without quotation marks or credit. Her own people got after her so hard for purloining others' thoughts without credit that she was compelled to use quotation marks and give credit in the edition of 1911. The 1911 edition contains over 400 credits not in the old editions.

She used without credit many illustrations in this book that were taken from other authors. Will a prophet of God resort to such dishonesty? Yet the denominational leaders defend her in this crime.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT WAS NOT ON OCTOBER 22, 1844

It is a well demonstrated fact that the Day of Atonement can not come as late as Oct. 22 in any year. In 1844, it fell on Sept. 23. Both the Orthodox and Caorite Jews celebrated it on that date. This blunder is a hard blow to their sanctuary theory.

TURNING THE LIGHT ON THEIR SANCTUARY THEORY

They teach that Christ did not go into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary when He ascended, but remained in the first apartment till 1844. They move God out into the first apartment and keep both of them there for over 1800 years. Thus they corrupt the Word to fit the creed.

They teach that Christ shed His blood on the cross and then kept it for over 1800 years, till after 1844 before He offered it to make atonement in the heavenly sanctuary.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST DEFILES THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

"As the sins of the people were anciently transferred, in figure, to

the earthly sanctuary by the blood of the sin-offering, so our sins are, in fact, transferred to the heavenly sanctuary by the blood of Christ." Great Controversy, p. 266, edition of 1884.

This is not far from blasphemy. The Bible always represents the blood of Christ as cleansing, never as defiling. Their sanctuary teaching is based on pure, unadulterated fiction, which is wholly contrary to the Bible. **Not a drop of goat's or lamb's blood was ever carried into the tabernacle except on the day of atonement.**

In 1844 they moved God and the Son from one side of a curtain in heaven to the other side to examine the books of heaven so God might know "who are prepared for the kingdom of God." This is called the Investigative Judgment. See Great Controversy, p. 428 and Life Incidents, p. 323.

This is a most wicked, soul-drying doctrine which so denatures the gospel that no one who believes it can enjoy the gospel. It necessitates their taking the position of their prophet that **"Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversions, should never be taught to say or to feel that they are saved. This is misleading."** Christ's Object Lessons, p. 155.

These facts are not published with any desire to tear down the

work of Seventh-day Adventists, or to cast any reflection on any Bible truth which they teach, but we are broadcasting these facts in an effort to reach the honest laity among them and through them persuade the leaders to be honest with God and their followers, and correct their false teachings.

We have been pointing out these errors to SDAs for many years. We have a standing offer of the free use of one half of our publication, the *Gathering Call*, to answer any charges which we make against the teachings of the denomination; but they have through the years, refused to accept our offer. We volunteered to pay for time over the radio and give them half the time, if they would meet us in discussing these subjects. This also they refused to accept. This convinces us that they know they are teaching false doctrines.

My father was a Seventh-day Adventist minister for over fifty years. My brother, two sisters and myself spent the better part of our lives as workers among them. We can speak from experience as to what they teach, and we have the documents to support every charge we make against them.

When you have read this, pass it on to your Adventist neighbor

or preserve it till they come around asking you to contribute to their work, and demand an explanation or an apology for being so abusive of all other church members while they beg of you to help them broadcast their propaganda.

These leaflets will be furnished without cost to anyone who will place them in the hands of the reading public.

This leaflet presents but a very few of the errors of the creed and practices of the SDAs.

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