

IT IS NOT TRUE

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST PROPHECESS
AND HER OFFICIAL INTERPRETER RE-
QUIRE DEVOTEES TO ACCEPT THIS UN-
SCIENTIFIC ABSURDITY

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FREE FOR THE ASKING

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That "Truth is Stranger than Fiction" is strikingly illustrated in the acceptance by a large number of people of the remarkable tenets of a latter-day sect known as Seventh Day Adventists. This denomination declares the teachings of a Mrs. Ellen G. White to be AT LEAST on a par with the Bible, and, in Detroit, requires all new converts to sign a solemn pledge promising "TO GIVE HEED TO" and "REVERENCE" these alleged inspired writings of Ellen the Prophetess.

That these converts are undertaking a contract of colossal proportions in giving written adherence to the said "mouth-piece of the Almighty" will be evident to all when it is known that over thirty so-called inspired volumes are published containing the "Testimonies," etc., of the "prophetess." It is generally conceded to be quite an achievement to master the comparatively small volume which passes as the sole rule of faith and practice of some people, to-wit, the Holy Bible, but the works of the inspired Ellen aggregate thousands and thousands of more pages than the Holy Writ contains and the task, therefore, awaiting one who is really desirous of obtaining a working knowledge of the "sacred" teachings of the Adventist Prophetess is indeed a Herculean one. Yet no one should "sign on the dotted

line" to "give heed to" and "reverence" writings of which he or she is, at least to a great extent, in ignorance. "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good," the Bible directs.

In this brief review, we will not attempt to deal with the HUNDREDS of AMAZING ERRORS of the "prophetess." It is our intention, however, to prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths STRAIGHT by exposing error, and at least one page will be devoted to a review of Mrs. White's vagaries. As Christian Sabbatarians we are anxious to remove at the earliest possible moment, any reproach reflecting upon the cause we love so well. Error must go.

The reader's attention is now particularly called to one of Ellen G. White's "inspired" pronouncements found upon page 75, Volume 3 of "Spiritual Gifts," issued by the Seventh Day Adventist Publishing Association in 1864. Says the "prophetess:"

"Since the flood there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in almost endless varieties of species of animals, and certain races of men."

When we read this, we wondered just what the estimable lady had in mind and we asked Adventist Sabbath School Superintendent Kemper. He informed us that the "prophetess" meant exactly what she said, and, in proof of her statement, he said he knew of a "child" which was part Shetland pony and part human. German Adventist Elder Miller likewise claimed to believe in the possibility of the literal fulfillment of Mrs. White's statement.

One who was a leading minister in the Adventist Church said:

"Some years ago, one of the most prominent Seventh Day Adventist preachers in the denomination, at a camp meeting in Delaware, applied this to the colored people. The writer was present and his very soul revolted. We protest against such God-dishonoring falsehoods."

This statement is given emphasis by Mrs. White's chief official interpreter, who, over 50 years ago, edited a book entitled, "The Visions of Mrs. E. G. White" printed on the "Steam Press of the Seventh Day Adventist Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Mich., 1868." This interpreter was none other than the celebrated Elder Uriah Smith. Editor-in-Chief for the half century preceding his death of the Adventist official organ, THE ADVENT REVIEW AND SABBATH HERALD, author of "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" and many other S. D. A. books, and himself the subject of many "inspired" testimonies of approbation from Mrs. White. In explaining this vision, Eld. Smith states (p. 103) that it refers to such people as:

"The wild Bushmen of Africa, some tribes of the Hottentots, and perhaps the Digger Indians of our country, etc."

Interpreter Smith says that these races were the result of an amalgamation of man and beast and spends much space in attempting to prove his point. He quotes from another in an attempt to establish that, in these races, "it is impossible to tell just where the human ends and the animal begins."

What do our Afro-American Seventh Day Adventists think of this? — How do the Digger Indian Adventists of the southwestern portion of our country regard it? Their “prophetess” and her interpreter cannot generally tell, in their cases, where the human ends, and the animal begins, but their tithe is good, nevertheless.

The South African Dutch in the days of President Kruger had, it is reported, this inscription over the doors of their churches: DOGS AND HOTTENTOTS NOT ADMITTED. At the time we thought this most unchristian, but, possibly, old Paul Kruger had read Ellen G. White and Uriah Smith, and, having been impressed by “these precious rays of light shining from the throne” (Mrs. White’s Testimonies, Vol. 5: p. 67), exclaimed: “Here is a ‘Special Testimony’ for us—Hottentots are only part human.” The signs, we may well imagine, were ordered forthwith.

We wonder what the Hottentot Seventh Day Adventists think of the reflections upon their status as human beings? Will the Elder of the Detroit Seventh Day Adventist Church use his influence to compel them along with the colored and Indian S. D. Adventists, to sign a statement that they will “revere” or have worshipful regard for the “sacred” writing which brands them a cross between a human being and a wild beast?

President Arthur Daniells (S. D. A.) quite recently dedicated the Colored Adventist Church in Detroit. One in his audience should have arisen and addressed him thus “Give up this so-called Spirit of

Prophecy of Mrs. E. G. White, or cease to insult the colored people and Digger Indians of America and the Hottentots of Africa by again appearing before them as an exponent of these heaven-defying, devil-pleasing, unscriptural and unscientific dogmas of the Adventist Church."

We feel it unnecessary to say that as a Christian observer of the Seventh Day Sabbath, the writer DOES NOT ENDORSE Mrs. White's teaching concerning the Colored people. We believe them to be ALL HUMAN. (Acts 17: 25). All other Seventh Day Sabbatarians believe the same. The Seventh Day Baptists began twenty years before the Civil War to agitate for the freedom of the Colored people. During the Civil War, they died upon the field of battle to liberate them, while during the dread days of Reconstruction, they stood shoulder to shoulder for the rights of the Freedmen. The Seventh Day Church of God, the Seventh Day Holiness, the Church of God and Saints of Christ, the Seventh Day Pentecostal assemblies and other Seventh Day people hold the same view upon this subject as do the Seventh Day Baptists and further we believe that when the Colored people read this, if they happen to be Adventists, they WILL PROVE THAT THEY ARE ALL HUMAN by repudiating the false teaching of the would-be prophetess and cutting themselves loose from the S. D. A. Church, unless that church shall cut itself loose from the teachings of Mrs. E. G. White.

We submitted the statement of Mrs. E. G. White

to leading American and British scientists, and received the following replies:

"This statement you quote (from Mrs. E. G. White) is a ridiculous one. There is, of course, no crossing of the human race with beasts as far as any cross-breeding is concerned." (Dr. A. S. Warthin, Professor of Pathology, University of Michigan.)

"Any statement affirming the possibility of offspring as a result of union between man and the lower animals is absurd." (Dr. S. B. Wolbach, Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School, Harvard University).

"Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, Curator of Physical Anthropology, states that there is absolutely no basis, whatever, for the statement which you quote." (W. de C. Ravenal, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institute, United States National Museum, Washington, D. C.)

"There is no scientific foundation for any assertion as to FERTILE UNIONS between man and beasts." (Director Thomas, British Museum, (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S. W. 7.)

These answers from the Governments of the United States and Great Britain and from other sources of scientific information prove conclusively that no one in authority ever heard of Mrs. White's silly man-beast, and that a person is more or less of an idiot who will knowingly promise to "reverence" theories which belong to that childish age when certain sections of our race accepted the stories of

Mermaids, Centaurs and the like, as a matter of course. It was then Mrs. White would have shone as a wise prophetess, but in 1922 she cannot. Possibly Abe Lincoln was right when he said, "You can fool SOME of the people all of the time." Let us hope, though, that it will not be you, dear reader! —"The VOICE."

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