

## The Great Omission

1. Advent HOPE: Helping Others Prepare for Eternity.

2. Survey Results:

Jehovah's Witnesses	32%	Seventh-day Adventist	27%
Buddhist	23%	Non-denominational	2%

Source: The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY) 2001 American Religious Identification Survey.

3. The Great Omission: ONENESS

**Exhibit 1: The Lone Wolves** - Many have an idea that they are RESPONSIBLE to CHRIST for their light and experience, INDEPENDENT of His recognized followers on earth.

**Exhibit 2: Agents of Division** - The evidence that the world cannot withstand and controvert, that God has sent Jesus into the world as its Redeemer, is in the ONENESS of the Church. Their UNITY and HARMONY is the convincing argument. Satan is therefore constantly at work to prevent this harmony and union, that in witnessing the bickering, strife, and dissension, unbelievers shall become disgusted with Christianity, and fastened in unbelief and infidelity. God is DISHONORED by those who profess the truth while they are at VARIANCE with one another. - Upward Look 63.

**Exhibit 3: The Mixed Multitude**

Like the Jews in the days of Christ, many today hear and believe, but are not willing to step out upon the platform of obedience, and accept the truth as it is in Jesus. They are AFRAID of losing worldly advantages. Their minds ASSENT to the truth but to obey means to lift the cross of self-denial and sacrifice, and to cease trusting in man and making flesh their arm, and they TURN AWAY from the cross.

4. **Role of the Church** - The church is God's appointed AGENCY for the SALVATION of men. It was organized for SERVICE, and its mission is to CARRY THE GOSPEL to the WORLD. From the beginning it has been GOD'S PLAN that THROUGH His church shall be REFLECTED to the world His FULLNESS and His SUFFICIENCY. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. Ephesians 3:10. [AA 122]

5. **Role of the Sabbath School**

The Sabbath School is the PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYSTEM of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and has four purposes: Source: Seventh-Day Adventist Church Manual 2005

1. STUDY OF SCRIPTURE
2. FELLOWSHIP
3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH
4. WORLD MISSION

6. **Role of Youth** - Special life Work: The work above all work ---the business above all others which should draw and engage the energies of the soul--- is the work of SAVING SOULS for whom Christ has died. Make this the MAIN, the IMPORTANT WORK of your life. Make it your special life work. Youth's Instructor, May 4, 1893.

7. Our Vision: BE A STRENGTH TO THE LOCAL CHURCH AND HASTEN JESUS' COMING

Bible Texts: Acts 1:6-9; Acts 2:1-2; Phil 2:2-4; 1John 1:3, 6, 7; 1 John 4:19-21; ACTS 9:1, John 3:3,5,7; John 4:7,9, 10; Rev 14:12