

Ellen White outside the Adventism...

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ELLEN WHITE



Interesting facts about EGW

- *During her ministry, Ellen G. White wrote more than 100,000 pages. A total of more than 25 million words.
- *The text most often referred to in Ellen White writings is Matthew 5:14-16. She mentions it 264 times. The text refers to Christians as "the light of the world."
- *One of Ellen's favorite hymns was "When Peace like a River". She always asked for it when attending Healdsburg Church, Colorado. Alma McKibbin, *My Memories of Sister White* (Washington D.C: Ellen G. White Publications, 1956), 18.
- *Ellen White's favorite dishes were baked corn soufflé, tomatoes and macaroni, and tiny mustard greens cooked.

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***Ellen White's last known writing** is the letter titled "The Victorious Life". She wrote this letter on June 14, 1914 and you may read it in her book *Testimonies to Ministers*, 516-520. This letter is a message overflowing with hope and assurance for Christians.

*Ellen White was a lover of animals, Arthur L. White wrote that "She knew how to feed and treat ... animals with affection ... **She abhorred any practice that brought pain or discomfort to animals**, and she had firm words of disapproval for anyone who misused a horse or abused a cow" (Ellen G. White the Person, 9).

*Grace White Jacques, granddaughter of Ellen White, stated that Mrs. White was a buoyant person. " **Never did we feel under a strain or stress in her presence**. She had deep blue-gray eyes that were kind and alert. She looked at us with love" (My Special Grandmother, 15).

Matthew 7:15-17

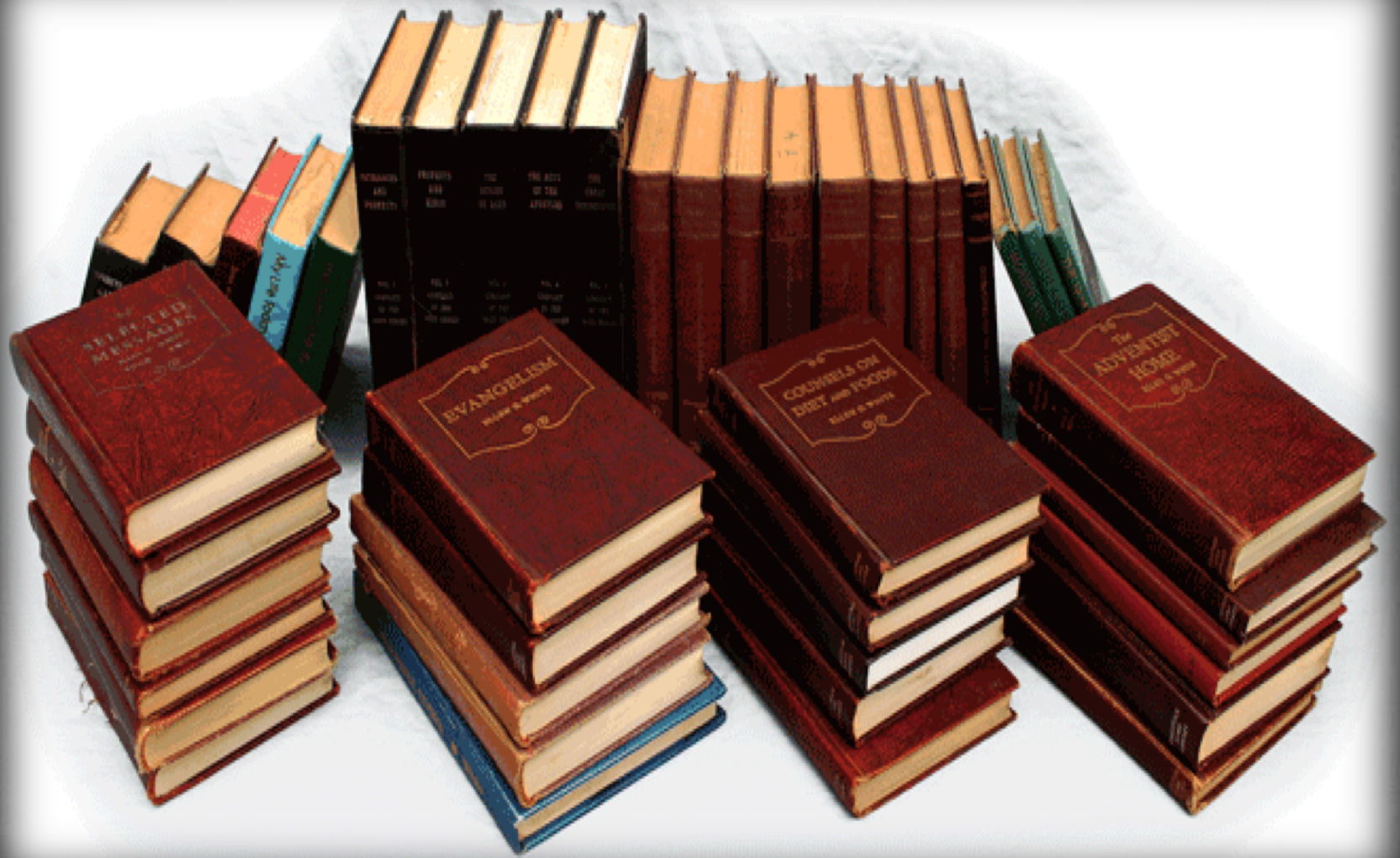
Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will **know them by their fruits**. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.



Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days. Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and **their work will go forward as long as time shall last.** My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given to me by the Lord will still have life and will speak to the people. {1SM 55.5}

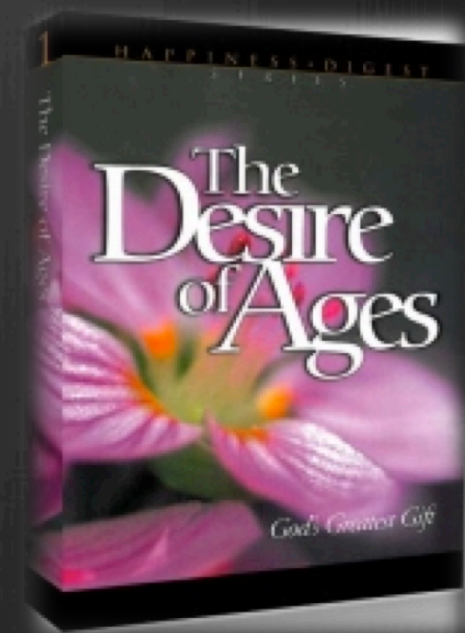


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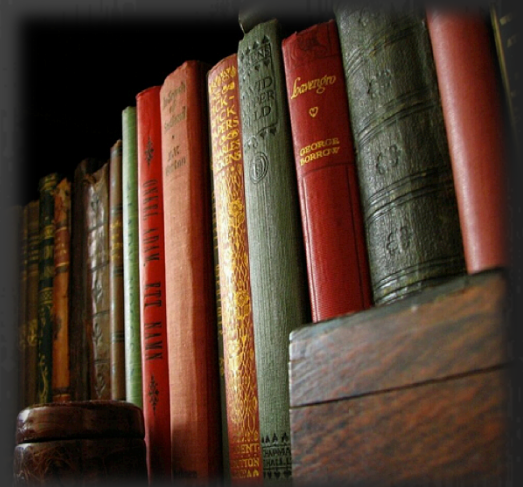
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When the “Desire of Ages” was bought in Great Britain, a society lady in Edinburgh read a copy. She was agitated. She said to our people, “You are a small people. You ought not to have the circulation of a book like this. It ought to be in the hands of the big London publishers. **It seems inspired.**”



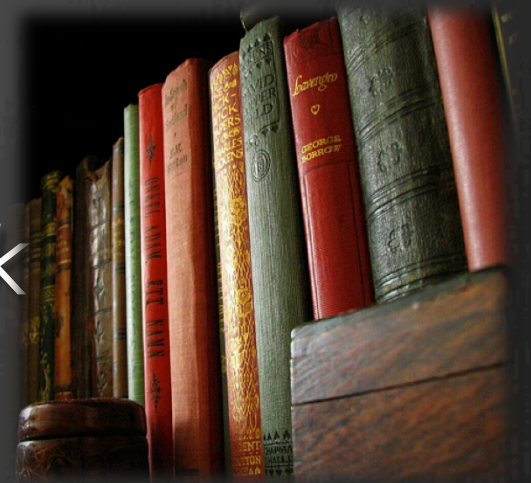
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In one of the large cities, a man was looking over books in a secondhand store: He asked for the religious books, and was directed to a miscellaneous assortment in the back of the store. He remarked to the proprietor that he saw none in which he was interested. Being asked what author he preferred, he said "Mrs. E.G White."



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“Oh”, said the proprietor,
“that’s different. Her
writings are not classed
here with those books back
there at all. We have them
here in the front, with the
Bibles. **They are in a class
by themselves**”



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“Well class that is from the pen of Ellen White. She spoke at length, saying she knew nothing of the author’s religion, but she felt able to declare herself as to the literature, and said it was a pity that **those writings were not better known in the literary world.** She said was going to make a strong statement, but she meant every word. Of all the writings she knew, outside the bible, there were none so full of beauty, so pure, and yet so simple as the writings of Ellen White.”



William Foxwell Albright (1891-1971) was America's—and perhaps the world's—foremost archaeologist in the twentieth century. He earned his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University at the age of 25, and during the next 50 years he received 25 honorary doctorates from colleges, universities, and seminaries of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths. He wrote more than 800 publications on archaeology, the Bible, and Eastern subjects.



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In the 1950s one of his doctoral candidates at Johns Hopkins (the late Alger Johns) introduced Albright to Ellen White's writings. His curiosity piqued, the famous archaeologist undertook his own investigation of the life, work, and claims of Ellen White. And in his book *From the Stone Age to Christianity* Albright named Mrs. White as one of five individuals whom he considered to be **authentic "prophets"** during the past 250 years.



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In 1965 a German sociologist, Irmgard Simon, published her doctoral dissertation in Münster, Westphalia. It dealt with Seventh-day Adventists and Ellen White. She said, in part: She was without fear of men; courageous and consistent, she struggled within the movement to solve the many problems. She solved problems which the churches did not expect to see solved in many decades. Simon was unable to find adequate scientific explanation for Ellen White's visions and remarkable experiences. She held the opinion that had Ellen White been a Roman Catholic instead of a Seventh-day Adventist, she might very well be canonized in due course!



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“In spite of her strong, yes, ecstatic union with God, she rarely lost the ground of reality.

On the contrary, she tackled many practical questions in life!

Undoubtedly it was the established fact of her mystic vision of God which worked as a powerful radiance on her fellow believers, enabling her to be their leader without holding an official office in the church.”



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*“She functioned as a messenger between God and the churches. Through her the members had a part in the divine Being. This explains the strong position E. G. White has won among Adventists. In spite of her high position, E. G. White never fell for the temptation other founders of various movements have done, where they claimed to be elevated themselves above the weaknesses of human flesh, but was a servant and did not claim the honor that belongs to God. The Seventh-day Adventists **still live on the spirit of E. G. White and only so far as this heritage lives on do the Adventist have a future.**”*



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“Recently the book **Education**, by Ellen G. White, has been brought to my attention.

Written at the turn of the century, this volume was more than fifty years ahead of its times. And I was surprised to learn that it was written by a woman with but three years of schooling. The breadth and depth of its philosophy amazed me. Its concepts of balanced education, harmonious development, and of thinking and acting on principle are advanced educational concepts. The objective of restoring in man the image of God, the teaching of parental responsibility, and the emphasis on self-control in the child are ideals that the world desperately needs.”



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“Mrs. White did not necessarily use current terms. In fact, she did not use the word curriculum in her writing. But the book Education in certain parts treats of important curriculum principles. She was concerned with the whole learner—the harmonious development of mental, physical, and spiritual powers. Today many are stressing the development of the intellect. But feelings and emotional development are equally important. In our changing society, the ability to act on thought and in terms of principle is central. It is this harmonious development that is so greatly needed, yet so generally neglected today. I am not surprised that members of the SDA Church hold the writings of Mrs. White in great respect and make them central in developing the educational program in their schools.”

Professor Tsunekichi Mizuno of Japan's Tamagawa University (and formerly head of the Tokyo Museum of Science and director of social education for the Japanese Ministry of Education) recommended **Education** to parents, teachers, and students. He called it "most profitable reading in our understanding of the 'New Education.'" - *"Education, written with the inspired pen of Ellen G. White, has for fifty some years been a well-known book which has rendered the greatest possible service and joy to students, teachers, and parents the world over. When I was studying at the University of Illinois, it was my privilege to read the book in its original language. I was profoundly moved by the book at that time and it has been my desire ever since to recommend it to the educators in Japan. It is my sincere joy to hear that the book has been finally translated into the Japanese language."*



Cited in Notes and Papers, pp. 314, 315.

The minister of education of a Southern European country had been studying at Teachers' College, Columbia University. He had come to the United States for the newest and best in educational policy and program of his newborn state. Upon his return to Southern Europe, Raja R. Radosavlyevish "authored" a work on religious and moral education. It was written in the Serbian language, published by the state university press, and acclaimed by that institution as the "best book" on religious education in that language. When Adventist church leaders in Serbia read the work, they recognized it immediately—it was a translation of Ellen White's *Education*, with an introduction written by the Serbian minister of education. Eighty percent of the new book came directly from Ellen White's pen!

William A. Spicer, *The Spirit of Prophecy in the Advent Movement* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1937), pp. 81, 82;



PAUL HARVEY

September 4,
1918 – February
28, 2009



In 1960 Paul Harvey, American Broadcasting Company news commentator and United Features syndicated columnist, wrote a 16-paragraph article featuring Ellen White. It began: *“Once upon a time, a hundred years ago, there lived a young lady named Ellen White. She was frail as a child, completed only grammar school [actually, she never really finished the third grade], and had no technical training, and yet she lived to write scores of articles and many books on the subject of ‘healthful living. Remember, this was in the days when doctors were still bloodletting and performing surgery with unwashed hands. This was in an era of medical ignorance bordering on barbarism. Yet Ellen White wrote with such profound understanding of the subject of nutrition that all but two of the many principles she espoused have been scientifically established.”*

51 From Lima, Ohio, News, Aug. 11, 1960;

Pastors under the age of 40, meanwhile, were more than twice as likely to mention books on prayer; only half as likely to include *The Purpose Driven Life*; and just one-sixth as likely to place *The Purpose Driven Church* in their top-ranked volumes.

In fact, while one-third of all pastors over 40 mentioned at least one book by Rick Warren, just 14% of those under 40 did so.

The under-40 pastors championed several authors who were not ranked highly by older church leaders. Those authors included business consultant James Collins, seminary professor Thom Rainer, **nineteenth century Seventh-Day Adventist icon Ellen White**, & pastor John Ortberg.

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An editor of the Toledo (Ohio) *Blade* wrote:

“Mrs. White ...early manifested some of the gifts of prophecy. With the formation of the church of the Seventh-day Adventists, she immediately developed an influence, and that influence was maintained to the hour of her death, a period of seventy years. Besides unusual talents as a preacher, she had organizational and administrative powers. These were all given to her church. It prospered and grew until it has spread through many lands. Universities were founded, medical schools, hospitals and schools for teachers and missionaries. “Mrs. White was a remarkable woman. Had she lived in an earlier period of the career of Christianity and escaped the bigots and the fire she would most surely have been canonized. She was of the flesh of which saints are made.”

Editorial, “A Modern Prophetess,” Toledo Blade, July 19, 1915; cited in The Review and Herald, May 27, 1971, p. 24.

ELFRED LEE-ADVENTIST PAINTER



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“Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”