

## Enough is Enough

Thank you for your concern and taking the time respond to our DVD “Why Seventh-day Adventist’s Can’t Keep Their Victories”. We know that it is from a kind and sincere heart that you took your time to respond. Some of the concerns of this letter may not apply to your questions, but we believe it will portray where we are coming from.

Those communications we received that were in opposition to our DVD “Why Seventh-day Adventist’s Can’t Keep Their Victories” have some of the same objections. So we decided to compose a document that would cover most of those concerns. It is impossible for us to make each letter personal.

The two main issues we spoke about, in the Adventist belief system, were:

- 1) The 1844 Investigative Judgment/Atonement
- 2) The scapegoat referring to Satan

**Without exception**, no one has sent us their personal study to prove these points to be correct. Oh, many have sent us someone else’s book, DVD, CD, article or e-mail, including several pastor’s phone numbers who can set us straight.

Someone sent us a DVD of a well known pastor whose message was on the Sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment. It was unbelievable how many unrelated scripture texts he connected together trying desperately to prove points that had no connection whatsoever. They didn't fit any more than taking a piece of a puzzle and forcing it into a space, even when it is the wrong size, shape, and color. On top of that, we recognized he was using NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming, which is a form of Ericksonian Hypnotism,) to anchor his points in the minds of his listening audience. This well known pastor is a master of deception!

Some have felt the need to attack us personally. Others have put us in the Ellen White quote that states, “some of the brightest lights will go out,” or used the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:22, 23 as a prophecy against us, *“Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord ... and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

We have been accused of leading people astray, or taking people down the wrong path. There are some who have said, that because we have made statements contrary to the writings of the “Prophetess,” Ellen White, we are going down a slippery slide to hell. I, (AI) have been judged of having an angry spirit. Few people realize that with this Lyme/Parkinson variance I have a difficult time exhibiting emotion; consequently my demeanor appears flat, but I am not angry.

Our decision and statements on the DVD were not done on a whim, or casual reading of one or two statements. We have agonized in prayer, sometimes anointing for wisdom, and many times with tears. We have read volumes of books and articles pro and con, because we desperately wanted to prove the Adventist doctrine correct. We realize the seriousness of leading someone astray. We also realize the consequence of continuing to appear that we still strongly believe all we have been taught by the SDA church, when we don't. And, just for the record, our conclusions are not based on a weak position, they are based on Biblical evidence. We have read all the Ellen White quotes in context, and it changes nothing. We used quotes on the DVD that were short, but still portrayed the proper context. This was done to keep the DVD from being longer than it was.

**All scripture in this document, unless noted otherwise, is taken from the KJV.  
All emphasis supplied.**

To begin with, let's review some of the more obvious flaws in the doctrine of the Investigative Judgment/Atonement, which is based on Daniel 8:14. According to Adventist doctrine, instead of Jesus going back to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, (after His resurrection as the Bible clearly states), He went into the Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary. Then, at the end of the 2300 year prophecy (1844) He would move to the Most Holy place to start going over the records of each dead person, and at some point He would go over the records of the living to determine who can be pardoned with His blood.

Daniel 8:14, "*And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed*", has absolutely nothing to do with the "heavenly sanctuary." If it does, then, in context, who is the little horn power that desecrates and pollutes the "heavenly sanctuary?" (Read Daniel 8:9-13) Adventist's claim that the confessed sins of the saints are what pollutes the "heavenly sanctuary." Since Christ is the true "sin bearer," this would put Christ in the place of the little horn power of Daniel 8 who desecrates the temple with our sins. **Think this through carefully! It's mind boggling!**

**Adventist's claim Daniel 7 (judgment scene) and Daniel 9 (70 week prophecy) are connected to the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14.**

- The judgment in Daniel 7 has nothing to do with an Investigative Judgment, likewise Daniel chapters 8 & 9 do not show any evidence of an investigative judgment.

- The "day for a year" established by SDA's (using Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6,) is not valid: these two texts have absolutely nothing to do with the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, – **None**. In fact, Daniel 8:14 has no indication of symbolic time. These two instances are specific situations that God indicated a day for a year. They have no importance to any other prophetic times in the Bible. If we apply these texts to this prophecy, we must apply them to every prophecy in scripture that has to do with days. What a mess that would create, just as it has done with this 2300 day prophecy.

The thing is, this is a foundational doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; it is what makes the SDA Church unique.. Ellen White confirms this:

**"The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith."** Evangelism, Pg. 221

To make matters worse, there is no mention of an "Investigative Judgment" in the Bible, nor is there a judgment in the Bible that fits the Adventist description of the Investigative Judgment. The Investigative Judgment, (that is supposedly still going on and supposedly coincides with the day of atonement in the earthly sanctuary,) **flies in the face of the clear statements of the Bible that the atonement was finished at the cross.**

**Some of the most prominent SDA theologians got together in 1958 for the specific purpose to find Biblical proof of the 1844 Investigative Judgment. Notice the following account:**

*Dr. Raymond Cottrell, a Notable SDA Scholar, Gives His Recollections on the Investigative Judgment*

**"In 1958 it fell to my lot, as a Review and Herald Publishing Association editor, to revise the perennial classic *Bible Readings* (published for nearly 100 years)...The old plates had worn out and we had to make new plates..."**

The Review and Herald thought it would be highly desirable to bring *Bible Readings* into harmony with the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, so that we wouldn't be saying something out of one corner of our mouth and something else out of the other corner.

"It fell to my lot, then, to come to Daniel 8:14, the Sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment. And with all these statements – of Martin and Barnhouse and Lindsell and DeHaan – reverberating in my mind, just like an echo that kept going back and forth ..., I decided that I would try to find some way to say what we wanted to say about the Sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment, *in a way that would take the ammunition out of these people's hands so they couldn't criticize us like they were and present it as Biblical. And after struggling, I found that it couldn't be done!*

"So I went to Elder Nichol (then Editor of the *Review and Herald*) one day and I said, 'Elder Nichol, what do you do in a case like this?' I was really trying my very best to present the Sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment in the book *Bible Readings* – *I couldn't do it!* He said, 'Well, what do (our) college Bible teachers have to say? ... Write them a letter.' So I composed a letter in which I asked a number of key questions on getting the sanctuary doctrine out of Daniel 8:14. And I sent this questionnaire out to every teacher of Hebrew in our colleges, we didn't have any universities at the time, and to the head of every Bible department and a number of other Bible teachers I was personally acquainted with. And I protected them by assuring them their names would never be associated with any responses they made.

"I asked these questions and all *twenty-seven I wrote to replied. Without exception* the responses expressed the opinion that there is *no linguistic or contextual basis for applying Daniel 8:14 to the antitypical Day of Atonement and the Investigative Judgment.* There was not one college Bible teacher who came out and said there is a basis in exegesis – that is in the language or the context.

"And then I had asked another question: 'What reason, other than language and context can you offer?' And thirteen, half of the twenty-seven, said '*There is no other basis.*' In other words, half of them were saying there is no basis *whatever!* Then there was a little scattering among the other half – two people replied this way and I was really taken back by those replies – two of them proposed that the English word 'cleansed,' in the King James Version, was '*a fortunate accident!*' *How about having the most important of our doctrines based upon a 'fortunate accident' in translation! ...*

"Actually, it was not an accident, the Septuagint has the word 'cleansed,' ... and they put the word 'cleansed' in because they thought it applied to Antiochus Epiphanes. So the (Seventh-day) Adventist doctrine of the Investigative Judgment, the interpretation of 'cleansed,' is based on an ancient translation made by Jewish people into Greek believing that Antiochus Epiphanes had fulfilled the prophecy. So if we take the word 'cleansed' there, we really, ought to say that it applied to Antiochus Epiphanes.

Well, I went to Elder Nichol. Since he had gotten me into this fix, it was up to him to get me out of it. You know what he did? He took them (the responses) over to the President of the General Conference, Elder Figuhr. And the General Conference appointed the Committee on Problems in the Book of Daniel to try, to find some answers to these questions. Well, the Committee on Problems in the Book of Daniel met for *five Years.* I was a member of the committee. We studied forty-five prepared papers for the committee and adjourned *without finding any answers.*'

"Now, there was a majority on the Committee and a minority, altogether fourteen people. Nine of them, the majority at the end, wanted to issue a formal report in which we wouldn't say one word about any problems or any questions.

Now remember, the name of the committee was Committee on Problems in the Book of Daniel. And they wanted a report that would just make everybody happy and say some nice things.

"Well there were five of us that didn't think that was intellectually honest. We didn't think that the Church would be well served by such a report. The majority insisted on that 'unanimous' report to which we would have to sign our names — and we couldn't conscientiously do that because we would be to blame *for a report that didn't deal with any of the problems!*

"So we made several proposals. We made a proposal that would deal honestly with the facts and the different proposed solutions — the reasons for them — and let people make up their own minds. Well of course that didn't meet the desire of the majority.

"Another proposal we made was that there be no report and any member of the committee, on his own initiative, could submit any article for publication in the *Review* or *Ministry* or any other journal, under his own name and without mentioning the committee. That way people could say what they wanted to. No, those weren't acceptable.

"So we came out with a facetious suggestion. We proposed that they let us five step out into the corridor, and then the majority could have a unanimous vote just as they wanted it." — Raymond F. Cottrell in taped address, circa 1985.

This is really amazing, here we have a committee (14) of Adventist theologians who searched for 5 years through scripture to try to prove the 1844 Investigative Judgment/Atonement, and **COULD NOT!** Now, do you realize how many hours 5 years equals? There were 14 theologians searching. Lets say they worked an average of 1 hour per day each for 5 days each week. 5 hours per week times 14 theologians = 70 hours per week collectively. Lets say they only worked 50 weeks a year due to vacations, so if you multiply 50 weeks by the 5 years they searched, that equals 250 weeks. Multiply 250 weeks by 70 hours that comes to a total of 17,500 hours the theologians searched and could not find one shred of evidence for an 1844 Investigative Judgment. But let's say that instead of 5 hours each per week, they studied 2 ½ hours each, per week. That still comes out to over 8,000 hours these theologians searched. Maybe they were very busy with other projects and could only work 1 hour each per week, that still equals 3500 hours. You would think with that many hours they could have come up with something, but they couldn't. Then they were dishonest by not telling the church their findings. It took Elder Cottrell to finally step forward and tell the truth.

#### **Concerning Christ's Finished Work at the Cross, The Bible says:**

John 19: 28 &30

*"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst....When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and bowed his head and gave up the ghost."*

**Jesus said "IT IS FINISHED", He DID NOT say "TO BE CONTINUED" as in the Investigative Judgment!! Adventist's worship a different Jesus than is portrayed in the Bible.**

Heb. 10:12

*"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"*

Isaiah 43:25

*“...I am he **that blotteth out your transgressions** for mine own sake, and will not **remember your sins.**”*

Romans 5: 10 & 11

*“...being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom we have now received the atonement.**”*

(Strong’s Concordance defines “atonement” this way: **“the restoration of the favor of God to sinners that repent and put their trust in the expiatory death of Christ”**).

I John 4:10

*“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to **be the propitiation for our sins.**” (“propitiation” means “atonement” “appeased”)*

I John 2:2

*“And **he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”*

Hebrews 1:3

*“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, **when he had by himself purged our sins,** sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;”* (Strong’s Concordance explains “purged” this way: **“a cleansing from the guilt of sins wrought by the expiatory sacrifice of Christ”**).

Hebrews 9:26-28

*“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world **hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment, **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;** and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”*

Hebrews 10:12

*“But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever,** sat down on the right hand of God.”*

Ephesians 1:7

*“In whom we **have redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”*

How could there be an Investigative Judgment (going over all sins of the people of God) when several of the above Bible texts indicate that sins are gone—*“and will not **remember your sins.**”* *“**when he had by himself purged our sins.**”* **Is Jesus digging them back up again so He can have an Investigative Judgment?**

• **The doctrine of the “Investigative Judgment”, in falsity, ranks right up with the Catholic doctrine of purgatory! They both keep people in limbo. Neither doctrine can be found in the Bible.**

- **In connection with the Investigative Judgment, Ellen White could not decide when or where Christ was ministering. Remember she said He moved into the Most Holy Place in 1844.**

**In the year 1882 He was in the Most Holy Place:** “Then Jesus rose up and shut the door of the holy place, and opened the door into the most holy, and passed within the second veil, where **He now stands by the ark**, and where the faith of Israel now reaches.” *Early Writings*, p. 42 (1882)

**In 1886 He is still in the Most Holy Place:** “I warn you, Do not place your influence against God's commandments. That law is just as Jehovah wrote it in the temple of heaven. Man may trample upon its copy here below, but the original is kept in the ark of God in heaven; and on the cover of this ark, right above that law, is the mercy seat. **Jesus stands right there before that ark** to mediate for man” (MS 6a, 1886). {1BC 1109.1}

**In 1888 He is back in the Holy Place:** “But Jesus alone is my dependence. In Him I trust. He loveth even me. He is **at this moment standing at the altar of incense** presenting before the Father my prayers, my heart-longing desires for His grace, His heavenly endowment, that I may through the grace given unto me reveal to others His great love and complete efficiency.” *1888 Materials*, p. 865 (1888)

**In 1898 (54 years after 1844) He is back in the Holy Place:** “**He is today standing at the altar of incense**, presenting before God the prayers of those who desire His help.” *Desire of Ages*, p. 568 (1898)

Something is wrong here, - if Ellen White was inspired by God, why did she have these differences in where and when Christ was ministering? God knew where Jesus was, surely He wouldn't give her error to write!

An important question is: How could Christ have spent 1844 hundred years in the Holy Place, before moving into the Most Holy Place when according to Matthew 27:51 the veil or curtain was torn from top to bottom, leaving one room with no partition? “*And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent;*” That is why we can boldly approach the throne of grace; “*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*” Hebrews 4:16.

### **Another Extremely Important Point**

- **Seventh-day Adventists believe that the scapegoat, in Leviticus 16 is Satan.**

Great Controversy, page 422

“It was seen, also, that while the sin offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as a mediator, **the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed.**”

GC, page 485

“As the priest, in removing the sins from the sanctuary, confessed them upon the head of the scapegoat, **so Christ will place these sins upon Satan**, the originator and instigator of sin.”

Selected Messages Vol. 3, pg. 355-356

“When the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, **then the sins of the repentant soul** who has received the grace of Christ and has overcome through the blood of the Lamb, will be removed from the records of heaven, and **will be placed upon Satan, the scapegoat**, the originator of sin, and be remembered no more against him forever. (*Emphasis supplied*)

**Concerning The Scapegoat The Bible says:**

Leviticus 16:5

*“And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.” (Emphasis supplied)*

Leviticus 16:10

*“But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.”*

**Adventist Version of Lev. 16:10:**

*But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, [Satan] shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with Him [God] and to let it go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.*

Many Adventist theologians have gone to great lengths to prove that Satan is the scapegoat. They have written books to try to convince the nominal reader that the Bible says something it really doesn't say. They take the name “Azazel” and make it mean some kind of demon deity (Satan). The word Azazel in the Concordance means “goat of departing,” In fact, Azazel is used in other translations, (not in the King James Version), and in some situations refers to the place where the goat was going, the wilderness.

**There can be no doubt on this point that the scapegoat represents Christ:**

1) In order to cast lots for the goat to be sacrificed would mean that both goats must be without blemish, (all animals used for a sin offering had to be without blemish). Satan is not without blemish. Only Christ is without blemish. (Some have said “Well, Satan was created perfect, so therefore he could fit into being the scapegoat.”) Come on, by the time the sanctuary regulations and symbology came into being, Satan was far from being perfect!

2) Referring to the scapegoat the text in Leviticus 16:10 states: **“to make an atonement with him.”** Now, surely, no Christian would ever believe that Satan can make an atonement for sins. Only Christ could make atonement with his blood.

3) Leviticus 16:5 says that both goats are for a **“sin offering.”** Satan can't be a sin offering: only Christ could be a sin offering.

**To say that Satan is the scapegoat makes him the sin bearer**, what an abomination!

The SDA Bible Commentary, rev. ed., vol 1, page 778 (not an EGW quote) states:

“How fitting that the closing act of the drama of God’s dealing with **sin should be a returning upon the head of Satan of all the sin and guilt**, issuing from him originally, once brought such tragedy to the lives of those now freed of sin by Christ’s atoning blood...Only when Satan, the instigator of all sin is finally removed can it truly be said that sin is forever blotted out of God’s universe. **In this accommodated sense we may understand that the scapegoat has a part in the ‘atonement.’**” How can it ever be said that Satan “has a part in the atonement”.

Concerning Christ the “sin bearer” the Bible has this to say:

I Peter 2:24

*“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we are healed.”*

Isaiah 53:6

*“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

II Corinthians 5:21

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

Hebrews 9:28

*“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”*

John 1:29

*“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*

What a terrible, terrible thing to put Satan in the place of Christ, what an abomination! The part that Satan is supposedly doing is the substitutionary work that Christ was supposed to do. Satan can’t make an atonement! What an awful thing to say, that Satan is the scapegoat, the sin bearer. This is irreverent blasphemy. **Oh, the tears that must be in the eyes of our Savior.**

“Jesus, as our substitute, was judged in our place on the cross. He paid the price for all sin for all time. His righteousness has been credited to our account. The good news of the judgment is that all who believe and trust in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ can say with assurance, "I've been acquitted!" We have already been judged in Christ. Those who reject the gospel, judge themselves unworthy of eternal life. Those who accept the gospel have passed from death into life and will not enter into the condemnation of judgment (John 5:24).” (Author unknown)

**On top of all this Investigative Judgment, and Satan being the scapegoat falsehoods, let us enter one more piece of information.** Let’s go back to the beginning of the movement before there was a Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the early 1800’s William Miller felt impressed to figure out the time of the second coming of Christ. He calculated that Christ would come in 1843.

**A side note of interest concerning William Miller:**

- "One of the first objects of his interest, after he had become settled, was the village library. His constant use of its volumes brought him into **the society of superior class of men**. His wife took a deep interest in his improvement and promotion; and made her pleasure and business to relieve him as much as possible from all the family cares which might call him away from his books." (*Memoirs of William Miller*, by Silvester Bliss, Published by Joshua V. Himes: 1853, p.18, 19) Emphasis added
- "It was here that Mr. Miller became a member of the **Masonic fraternity**, in which his perseverance, if nothing else, was manifested; **for he advanced to the highest degree** which the lodges then in the country, or in that region, could confer." (*Memoirs of William Miller*, by Silvester Bliss, Published by Joshua V. Himes: 1853, pp.21, 22)

***There is some indication that Mr. Miller resigned from the Masonic fraternity one month after starting his public ministry, not because he was unhappy about their beliefs but he had a clash with the leadership.***

In 1840, Ellen Harmon, at the impressionable age of 13, heard William Miller's calculation on the date setting the second coming of Christ and became a believer in the 1843 return of Christ. She had this to say:

**Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 14**

"In company with my friends I attended these meetings and listened to the startling announcement that Christ was coming in 1843, only a few short years in the future. Mr. Miller traced down the prophecies with an exactness that struck conviction to the hearts of his hearers. He dwelt on the prophetic periods, and brought **many proofs** to strengthen his position."

Of course we know the story, Christ did not return. So, it was determined that they had miscalculated the date so they went back and determined He would return in the spring of 1844, which he didn't, then they decided that He would come on the Day of Atonement, October 22, 1844. Again He didn't come so they had to change their plans in order to keep October 22, 1844 alive.

Something is wrong here. First off, William Miller along with Ellen Harmon, were doing something in which Scripture already gave the answer. The Bible says "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour-wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13). Here they were trying to get an answer for something that Jesus said they couldn't. **Then Ellen White blamed God for the 1843 mistake, notice her words:**

*Ellen White, Review & Herald 1850-11-01*

"The Lord showed me that the 1843 chart was directed by His hand, and that no part of it should be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them. **That His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.**"

It is interesting that Ellen White said that the 1843 chart "was directed by His hand", when the whole thing—the chart and the figures—were all false. **She made the Lord the author of falsehood.**

Here they were, trying to figure out the date of the coming of Christ, when the Bible had already given the answer—that is presumption. Jesus said “no one knows the day or the hour.” Why were they trying to get an answer? Then, to say that it was God’s plan to hide the mistake, Ellen White literally blamed God for their mistake!

What does the Bible have to say about this kind of thing? “*When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing the Lord hasn’t spoken, but the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.*” Deut. 18:22. This is exactly what the pioneers did in 1843 and again in 1844. They spoke presumptuously, in the name of the Lord, and it didn’t come to pass.

It is a solemn thought to think that a denomination was **built upon error and presumption. - (sticks and stubble) for their foundation and with the help of a sickly woman who was not a true prophet.** How can it be said that God was in it at all? Then, to come back and indicate that the date of 1844 was correct after all, just the event was wrong. **Who was really the author of the totally unbiblical idea of an Investigative Judgment?** When you read the entire account in the books *Early Writings* and *The Great Controversy*, it’s almost like someone’s imagination went out of control. It borders on being totally ridiculous. What better way for the devil to slap Christ in the face, than to use the beliefs of a denomination that says Christ didn’t finish the atonement at the cross, and Satan is the sin bearer. You be the judge!

The problem is, the more you study into it the more you shake your head in wonderment. Now it is most interesting that there was another prophet, at that time, by the name of C.T. Russell, (who is now considered the prophet for the Jehovah’s Witnesses), who predicted Christ was coming back to earth, invisibly, in 1914. The Adventists at that time condemned Russell. They had this to say in an article in the *Present Truth* (February 4, 1915) periodical, entitled “A False Prophet Exposed”:

**“Now, if there is one characteristic above another that marks out a false prophet, it is the unscriptural practice of setting a definite time for the return of our Lord.”**

What makes it all right for the Millerites, which included Ellen White, to predict the month, day and year of the Lord's return—at least three different times—, but when Pastor Russell did it, they branded him a “false prophet”?

They were very direct in proclaiming that setting dates for the Lords return is the “one characteristic above another that marks out a false prophet.”

**Two years after Ellen White’s death, in the *Review and Herald*, June 7, 1917 they stated:**

**“Such date-setting leads often to fanaticism, and when the date passes, discouragement and utter skepticism are liable to possess the souls of the date-setters.”**

This is exactly what happened with the 1844 date setting. Go see this for yourself, read the history behind 1844. No matter what kind of nice picture you want to paint of the sanctuary it doesn't change the fact that the 1844 Investigative Judgment/Atonement has no Biblical evidence, - - **Zero.**

Just like many of you, we were guilty for so many years of defending this doctrine that can only be found in the writings of Ellen G. White. This doctrine was conjured up from a cornfield vision of Hiram Edson. It evolved into the cornerstone doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is the doctrine that makes Adventism unique.

**The big question is this: If these points (Investigative Judgment/Atonement and the scapegoat being Satan) are not biblical, why do millions continue to believe and defend them? The answer is obvious, just like the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses who believe unbiblical concepts -- just because their "prophet" said so, so Seventh-day Adventists believe because their "prophetess" said so. (To believe the words of a person over what the Bible says, has the ear-marks of a cult).**

Some of you have appealed to us to repent and come back to the church. Do you realize what you are asking? You are asking us to turn our backs on what the Bible clearly teaches and instead believe what the Adventist "prophetess" teaches. How can we repent when we haven't done anything wrong? Our desire is to follow the Word of God, but some of you have intimated that in order to have salvation we must believe in the writings of Ellen White. Tell us, where is that in the Bible?

As we stated at the beginning of this letter, our decision was not based on a casual study, or a whim. What most of you don't realize is that we had to and did count the cost. We anticipated losing most of our friends, because, in the Adventist world, if you don't believe "the way I do, I can't be your friend." **No one wants to be friends with someone who is headed for hell.** And our anticipation, for the most part, has come true. But we had to be honest to our convictions and stand up for truth, no matter what the cost, which we did.

This document is not about us being right and you being wrong, it has to do with what the Bible says. The only thing that's important is what the Word of God says.

Now some of you who are honest seekers of truth will study this out on your own, but we alert you, when you do you will also be facing a big decision. It is a can of worms that you may not have the courage to open.

We suspect that the reason NO ONE has sent us their own personal study to prove the Investigative Judgment doctrine biblical, is IT CAN'T BE DONE, IT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE! Please don't misunderstand, if you want to believe in this unbiblical doctrine, you are free to do so we are not trying to change anyone's mind or gather disciples. We will love you just the same. The reason for this letter is a response to letters of question and condemnation.

Some may think that we are being harsh; no we are not. Sometime things have to be said direct and to the point. It is just as true that sometimes one gets a little weary of people so vehemently defending a doctrine that is not even in the Bible.

**As far as Ellen White is concerned, she sets the standard for judging her writings:**

*"In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouths of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them through the testimonies of His Spirit...Let the testimonies be judged by their fruits. What is the spirit of their teaching? What has been the result of their influence?...God does nothing in partnership with Satan. My work bears the stamp of God, or the stamp of the enemy. The testimonies are of the Spirit of God or of the devil...If the testimonies speak not according to the Word of God, REJECT THEM. Christ and Belial cannot be united."*

Testimonies Vol. 5, pps. 661, 671, 691

So if we find her writings contrary to the Word of God, what are we to conclude? You be the judge.

**Will You Be?...**

**Will you be;** among the majority who really don't care what the Bible says but will continue to believe just because Ellen White says it?

**Will you be;** one who stays with tradition, even though it's not truth?

**Will you be;** one of those who refuses to study this out on your own, and will continue to believe falsehood?

**Will you be one who;** after studying this out and seeing the falsehood, will still believe because the price to get out is too high, (loss of family and friends, shunned and ridiculed by church family members, etc)?

**Or will you be;** one of the honest few, who will study this out and will believe what the Bible says and stand up for Truth?

**Which will you be?**

It is our sincere prayer that one of you reading this document will decide to do your own honest study and confirm in your mind what is truth. This is all that is important, what is truth. The true gospel of Jesus is beautiful. Do what He says "Seek and you shall find." And remember, we are called to be witnesses - not lawyers or judges!

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**13 beliefs of Seventh-day Adventist's found in the writings of E.G. White. Where are they in the Bible? There are many, many others!**

- The Atonement of Christ was not finished at the cross but rather started in 1844
- There is an Investigative Judgment for God's people, which is going on presently.
- The Scapegoat or sin bearer is Satan
- Worshipping on Sunday equals the Mark of the Beast
- The Seal of God is keeping the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath
- E.G.White's writings are the Spirit of Prophecy according to Rev. 19:10 (What about Heb.1:1-2)? The testimony of **Jesus** is the Spirit of Prophecy, not the testimony of **E.G. White.**
- Michael the Archangel is Christ. (See Hebrews 1:1-5)
- The keeping of the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath is the test for the final conflict
- There will be a National Sunday law against those who keep the Sabbath.
- At the close of probation God's people will stand without an Intercessor.
- Christ offered Satan pardon several times before He cast him out of heaven.
- The Sabbath was instituted by God before the fall of Adam and Eve.
- You cannot be translated if you eat animal flesh—meat. Must be a vegetarian.

**Enough is Enough!**