127. *The Voice in Speech and Song*, 1988. 480 pp. Topics include effective methods of public speaking and singing as a part of worship.


129. *A Word to the Little Flock*, 1847. 30 pp. Contains Ellen White’s earliest communications, along with articles by James White and Joseph Bates.


131. *Your Mind and Your Health*. Two chapters taken from *The Ministry of Healing*-discussing the relationship of the mind and body to mental health.

**Available from Adventist Book Centers**


- *A Call to Stand Apart*, 2002. 120 pp. Selections from Ellen White’s writings particularly relevant to youth, paraphrased in contemporary language, and introduced with personal testimonies from young adults who have been positively influenced by her insights.

- e-dream: *A Call to Stand Apart (Video)*, 2003. Meet young Adventists who have discovered the relevancy of Ellen White’s counsel for their lives today. 23 minutes.
110. \textit{Testimonies for the Church}, vol. 1, 1885. 758 pp. Counsel from Ellen White containing spiritual guidance of a general nature and covering a wide variety of situations—including many letters written personally to members of the church. Volume 1 comprises Testimonies Numbers 1-14, written from 1855 to 1868, and a 100-page biographical sketch of the author.


115. \textit{Testimonies for the Church}, vol. 6, 1900. 534 pp. Designated Testimony Number 34.

116. \textit{Testimonies for the Church}, vol. 7, 1902. 337 pp. Designated Testimony Number 35. Includes a major section on the publishing work.

117. \textit{Testimonies for the Church}, vol. 8, 1904. 372 pp. Designated Testimony Number 36. Published to meet the false teachings of pantheism.


119. \textit{Testimonies on Sexual Behavior, Adultery, and Divorce}, 1989. 271 pp. Prepared especially for church administrators and other ministers who must deal with questionable or immoral conduct.

120. \textit{Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers}, 1923. 566 pp. Counsels initially published in pamphlets and periodical articles, particularly Special Testimonies, Series A (1892-1897) and Special Testimonies, Series B (1903-1913).


123. \textit{Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing}, 1896. 152 pp. Lessons Jesus taught in the \textit{Sermon on the Mount}.


\section*{Who Was Ellen G. White?}

\subsection*{Early Years}
Ellen Gould Harmon was born in Gorham, Maine, November 26, 1827, to Robert and Eunice Harmon. She and her twin sister Elizabeth were the youngest of eight children. Her formal education ended at age nine after a life-threatening accident. When Ellen was in her early teens she and her family accepted the Biblical interpretations of the Baptist farmer-turned preacher, William Miller. With Miller and 50,000 other Adventists she suffered bitter disappointment when Christ did not return on October 22, 1844, the date marking the end of the 2300-day prophecy of Daniel 8.

\subsection*{Called by God}
In December 1844, God gave Ellen the first of an estimated 2,000 visions and dreams. In August, 1846, she married James White, a 25-year-old Adventist minister who shared her conviction that God had called her to do the work of a prophet. Soon after their marriage James and Ellen began to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, according to the fourth commandment.

\subsection*{Family}
The mother of four boys, Ellen experienced the pain of losing by death two of her sons. Herbert died when he was an infant of a few weeks, and Henry died when he was 16. Her other two sons, Edson and William, both became Adventist ministers.

\subsection*{Her Writings}
Ellen White was a prolific writer. Beginning in 1851, when she published her first book, she sent forth a steady stream of articles, books, and pamphlet. Of her scores of books, some are devotional in nature, while others are selections from the many personal letters of counsel she wrote over the years. Still others are historical and trace the ongoing struggle between Christ and Satan for control of individuals and nations. She also published books on education, health, and other topics of special significance to the church. Since her death more than 70 compilations have been produced, in large part from previously unpublished
writings. She also authored several thousand articles which were published over the years in the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, and other Seventh-day Adventist periodicals.

**Public Speaking**

In spite of her initial shyness and reluctance, Ellen White eventually became a very popular public speaker, not only in the United States, but in Europe and Australia as well. She was much in demand, not only at Adventist meetings, but also before non-Adventist audiences, where she was a much-sought-after lecturer on temperance. In 1876, she addressed her largest audience—estimated at 20,000—at Groveland, Massachusetts, for more than an hour without the aid of a microphone.

**Health Message**

In her vision of June 6, 1863, Ellen White was given instruction on such health-related matters as the use of drugs, tobacco, tea, coffee, flesh foods, and the importance of exercise, sunshine, fresh air, and self-control in diet. Her health counsels, based on this and subsequent visions, have provided Adventists with a lifestyle which has resulted in their living approximately seven years longer than the average person in the United States.

**Well-read**

Ellen White read widely. She found that reading other authors helped her in her own writing as she presented the truths revealed to her in vision. Also, the Holy Spirit impressed her at times to draw into her own articles and books literary gems from the works of others. She did not claim infallibility nor did she maintain that her writings were equal to Scripture, yet she firmly believed that her visions were of divine origin, and that her articles and books were produced under the guidance of the Spirit of God. Basically an evangelist, her primary concern in life was the salvation of souls.

**Faithful Stewardship**

Ellen White was a generous person, and set a good example of practical Christianity. For years she kept bolts of cloth on hand so that if she saw a woman who needed a new dress, she would be able to provide assistance. In Battle Creek she attended auctions and bought pieces of used furniture, which she stored; then if someone’s home burned or some other calamity befell a family, she was prepared to help. In the days before the church started its retirement plan, if she heard of an older minister who was in financial straits, she would send a little money to help him meet his emergency needs.


90. *Selected Messages*, book 1, 1958. 448 pp. Instruction on a variety of subjects, including the inspiration of the prophetic writers, revival and reformation, the Alpha and the Omega, Christ our righteousness, etc.
91. *Selected Messages*, book 2, 1958. 512 pp. Instruction on such topics as false prophets, secret societies, assurance to those facing death, the use of drugs, the military question, the future of the church, etc.
92. *Selected Messages*, book 3, 1980. 510 pp. Includes instruction on how Ellen White's books were prepared, the proper age of school entrance, the dateline, the 1888 Minneapolis General Conference, and last day events.
95. *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol.7-A, 1970. 692 pp. All the Ellen White quotations included as supplementary material in the seven volumes of the *SDA Bible Commentary*, plus the Ellen White statements in *Questions on Doctrine* on Christ's nature, the Trinity, and the Atonement.
96. *Sketches From the Life of Paul*, 1883. 334 pp. From "Saul the Persecutor," to "Martyrdom of Paul and Peter."

**Lifetime Contributions**

Ellen White died July 16, 1915. For 70 years she faithfully delivered the messages God gave her for His people. She never was elected to an office in the church, yet her advice was constantly sought by denominational leaders. Her messages set in motion the forces that produced the present world-wide Adventist education system—from day-care centers to universities. Though she herself had no medical training, the fruitage of her ministry can be seen in the network of Adventist hospitals, clinics, and medical facilities that circle the earth. And though she was not formally ordained as a gospel minister, she has made an almost unparalleled spiritual impact on the lives of millions, from one end of the earth to the other.

**Lasting Impact**

To this day, Ellen White’s books continue to help people find their Saviour, accept His pardon for their sins, share this blessing with others, and live expectantly in hope of His promised soon return.

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The White Family, circa 1865

Left to right:
Ellen G. White, William C. White, James White, James Edson White
History of the White Estate
The Ellen G. White Estate, Incorporated, is an organization created by the last will and testament of Ellen G. White. Her will, dated Feb. 9, 1912 (and printed in its entirety on the White Estate’s web site), named five church leaders as trustees to serve as her agent in all matters relating to her writings. The original trustees she named were: Arthur G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; William C. White, her son; Clarence C. Crisler, a secretary; Charles H. Jones, manager of the Pacific Press; and Francis M. Wilcox, editor of the Review and Herald.

While the appointment of the trustees was for life, Ellen White provided that vacancies be filled by a majority of the surviving trustees. (For additional information on Ellen White’s will, see Appendix B, “The Settlement of Ellen G. White’s Estate,” in volume 6 of A. L. White’s biography of Ellen White, Ellen G. White: The Later Elmshaven Years, found on the White Estate’s web site.) Over the years, the number of trustees has increased to represent the worldwide growth of the church. Today the Board of Trustees consists of 15 members, five of whom are elected for life and 10 who are elected for four-year renewable terms.

From 1915 to 1937 the work of the White Estate was carried on near St. Helena in a rented office building adjacent to “Elmshaven,” Ellen White’s last home. In 1938 the offices were moved to the church’s world headquarters then located in Takoma Park, Maryland. Through the years there has been a close working relationship between the White Estate trustees and the General Conference. In 1989, the White Estate moved with the world headquarters when it relocated to its present location in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The work of the White Estate
The White Trustees meet bimonthly, while the day-to-day work of the office is handled by staff members elected for five-year terms by the board. Their assignments include: (1) preserving the Ellen G. White materials for the service of the church; (2) handling the copyrights to her works; (3) conducting research in these materials as called for; (4) responding to questions about Ellen White and her writings; (5) preparing new compilations as needed; (6) fostering the publication of Ellen G. White’s writings; (7) communicating with the church world through publications and public relations, and (8) ensuring the rights of Ellen White’s estate are protected.
38. Ellen G. White Signs of the Times Articles, vol. 2. 527 pp. From 1886 to 1892.
46. God Has Promised, 1982. 64 pp. A collection of Ellen White quotations for those who are lonely, discouraged, sick, etc.
48. Gospel Workers, 1915. 534 pp. Covers the minister’s qualifications, the minister in the pulpit, conference responsibilities, etc.
49. The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan, 1888, revised 1911. 678 pp. The conflict between Christ and Satan from the destruction of Jerusalem to the close of the millennium.

of her writings in various languages and making selections or abridgments as needed; (7) filling speaking appointments in churches and institutions as requested; (8) conducting tours of denominational historical sites, and (9) preparing articles, correspondence lessons, and other printed and electronic materials. (9) preparing articles, correspondence lessons, and other printed and electronic materials, and 10) promoting the heritage of the church on behalf of the General Conference.

Ellen G. White Estate

Branch Offices and Research Centers

The White Estate operates three branch offices in the United States—at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California, and at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. Beginning in 1974, in cooperation with the church’s world divisions, the White Estate also has set up Ellen G. White-SDA Research Centers on the campuses of 15 Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities. See listing below. Each center contains duplicates of the Ellen G. White documents and other historical materials housed in the main office.

Ellen G. White Materials

Visitors to the main office of the White Estate will see original Ellen White diaries, letters and manuscripts—some 50,000 pages—which supplement her published works. A portion of her personal and office library is maintained, along with photographs and office correspondence. Research aids include the White Estate Document File, which consists of hundreds of topically arranged folders on Ellen White and Adventist history; a Biographical Index, containing more than 2,000 references to events in Ellen White life; and the Question and Answer File, with answers to hundreds of Ellen White-related questions asked over the past 75 years. Photocopies of Ellen White’s diaries, letters and manuscripts, plus copies of many of the other materials available at the main office are located in the various White Estate Branch Offices and Research Centers.

While all of Ellen White’s writings are available for research, the unpublished letters, manuscripts, and other materials in the Ellen G. White files are not a public archive. Appropriate policies govern the use and release of the unpublished materials. Efforts are underway to publish Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts with historical annotations.


22. **Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students**, 1913. 575 pp. Counsels on higher education, home schools, church schools, study and labor, the teacher, recreation, etc.


27. **The Desire of Ages**, 1898. 866 pp. A presentation of the life and ministry of our Lord, with spiritual application for today.


Ellen G. White’s Available Books and Pamphlets

2. *The Adventist Home*, 1952. 583 pp. Instruction relating to marriage, the home, and care and rearing of the family.
5. *Can We Know God?* 32 pp. Two chapters drawn from *Steps to Christ*.
7. *Christ Our Saviour*. See *The Story of Jesus*.
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