

indebted to Ellen White. Because of her ministry, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has remained a Bible-based, Christ-centered movement throughout its history. Because of her life and ministry, the Adventist Church today has one of the most far-flung mission programs of any denomination. It was Ellen White who encouraged the Church to engage in a worldwide ministry. Because of her, Adventists today operate one of the largest non-profit health care systems in the United States and many hospitals around the world, as well as the largest Protestant parochial educational systems in the world. Because of the ministry of Ellen White, Seventh-day Adventists have conducted a balanced ministry — preaching the word, healing the sick, helping the poor. Adventists conduct one of the largest disaster and famine relief efforts in the world today. Adventists who follow the health counsels given by Ellen White live nearly ten years longer than the general population. Truly the Seventh-day Adventist Church is deeply indebted to the ministry of Ellen White.



# EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 28

## EVIDENCES OF THE GIFTS OF PROPHECY

### Point A:

"Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people. Lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost, to 'the Lamb of God.' Lift him up, the risen Saviour, and say to all who hear, Come to him who 'hath loved us, and hath given himself for us.' Let the science of salvation be the burden of every sermon, the theme of every song. Let it be poured forth in every supplication. Bring nothing into your

preaching to supplement Christ, the wisdom and power of God. I-loId forth the word of life, presenting Jesus as the hope of the penitent and the stronghold of every believer. Reveal the way of peace to the troubled believer and despondent, and show forth the grace and completeness of the Saviour." **Gospel Workers**, p. 160

### Point B:

"Seventy years is a long time to live and work before the public, under the critical eyes of millions of people, largely sceptical, doubtful, uncertain, suspicious, and in some cases hostile. If any faults, errors, or inconsistencies existed, they would be exposed with great satisfaction by opponents.

"Mrs. White lived in various places, in New England, Michigan, Switzerland, Australia, and California. She travelled extensively in many parts of the United States, Europe, and Australia; but the fruit of her life and labours attests to her godliness, her sincerity, her zeal and earnestness, her upright and noble character and her consistent Christian conduct." **Our Firm Foundation**, Vol. 1, p. 225

"The life of Mrs. White is an example worthy of emulation by all... She was a humble, devout disciple of Christ, and ever went about doing good... honoured and respected by all who appreciate noble womanhood consecrated to unselfish labour for the uplifting and

betterment of mankind." **Saint Helena Star**, St. Helena, California, July 23, 1915.

#### Point C:

In 1890 Ellen White wrote: "Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel." **Messages to Young People**, p. 90, April 21, 1890. That prediction reads like today's newspaper, yet was written long before the advent of modern means of travel and communication.

In 1850, modern Spiritism that purported to communicate with the dead had its origin with the Fox sisters and their mysterious rappings in Hydesville, New York. At that time the phenomena was regarded as atheistic and having nothing to do with religion. Yet Ellen White wrote in 1850: "I saw that the mysterious knocking in New York .. was the power of Satan, and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious garb so as to lull the deceived to greater security." **Early Writings**, p. 43. When Spiritism celebrated the centennial of the origin of modern spiritualism in 1948, the spiritists said this: "Spiritualism, with its signs, wonders, visions, and healing gifts was the religion of the apostles, of the post apostolic fathers, and the primitive Christians." **Centennial Book of Modern Spiritualism**, 1948, p. 115. One hundred years after its beginning, Spiritism claimed to be what Ellen White had said it would become.

Ellen White wrote volumes in the field of health and nutrition, a very recent science. Today nearly everything that Ellen White wrote in this field has been verified by modern scientific research. In 1959 Dr. Clive McCay, former Professor of Nutrition at Cornell University, issued this statement: "In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White were written long before the advent of modern scientific nutrition, no better over-all guide is available today."

#### Point D:

The writings of Ellen White are not an addition to the Bible. Just as certain prophets mentioned in the Bible never wrote a word of Scripture, yet were inspired of God, so Ellen White's writings do not form a part of Scripture. But the Holy Spirit that inspired the Bible writers also inspired her (1 Peter 1:9, 10). The Bible is the supreme guide for the Christian. Ellen White did not see her work as an addition to Scripture. In fact, she cautioned against this. She described her work as "a lesser light, to lead men and women to the

greater light, the Bible." Ellen White constantly attempted to lead people back to the Bible as the only rule of faith. In her last public appearance she took a copy of the sacred Scriptures, extended it in her hand toward the congregation and said, "Brethren and sisters, I commend unto you this book." This was her life work, to lead men and women back to the Bible. She declared that if people had followed the Bible, her work would not have been necessary, but because people had neglected the Bible, God has chosen prophets to call their attention to the neglected truths of Scripture. Please note how Ellen White viewed the relationship of her writings to the Scriptures in the selections that follow:

"In our time there is a wide departure from their doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle—the Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and duty." **The Great Controversy**, pp. 204, 205.

"I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several **Testimonies for the Church**, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here, given for other cases situated similarly to themselves. God has been pleased to give you line upon line and precept upon precept. But there are not many of you that really know what is contained in the **Testimonies**. You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the **Testimonies**. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings." **Testimonies to the Church**, Vol. 2, p. 605.

"The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word; yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the **Testimonies** simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse." **Testimonies**, Vol. 2, p. 605.

These statements show clearly the purpose of Ellen White's gift. Her writings are not an addition to the Bible, but are given to keep us close to the Bible. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is deeply