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Posted by: Uncle Sam Sep 14 2006, 07:08 AM

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It depends on the circumstances and to whom she is speaking. If she's inside a church, she might say one thing.

"I have received letters questioning me in regard to the proper attitude to be taken by a person offering prayer to the Sovereign of the universe. Where have our brethren obtained the idea that they should stand upon their feet when praying to God? One who has been educated for about five years in Battle Creek was asked to lead in prayer before Sister White should speak to the people. But as I beheld him standing upright upon his feet while his lips were about to open in prayer to God, my soul was stirred within me to give him an open rebuke. Calling him by name, I said, "Get down upon your knees." This is the proper position always." (Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 311)

To someone else, working in the wheat fields, she might say the opposite.

"It is not always necessary to bow upon your knees in order to pray. Cultivate the habit of talking with the Saviour when you are alone, when you are walking, and when you are busy with your daily labor. "(The Ministry of Healing, pp. 510, 511)

As for Elder Littlejohn, I don't know what the issues were.

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Posted by: Denny Sep 14 2006, 08:17 AM

In that case if you take EGW as your guru for all things Adventist the concept based on what you just posted one could argue our practise of disfellowshipping which involves dealing with defects should not take place....

Context is the key, might as well say the bible text that talks about pluck out your eye if it offends you means to literally pluck out your eye.

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There is a difference between mistakes and treating someone badly and bad behaviour... such of the above is used by too many church members to sweep blatant wrongdoings practised by church members under the carpet....

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So, basically, we are to understand from this quote that Linda Shelton (and others) had special marching orders from the Lord and that Danny Shelton should not have turned his "weapons of warfare" against her and them.

That is what you meant to say, isn't it? Or, by chance, do you interpret these paragraphs a little differently? Since I don't know Ellen White's context, it's difficult to say.

Posted by: Observer Sep 14 2006, 08:33 AM

Re: "You have made public errors and defects of the people of God and in so doing have dishonored God and Jesus Christ. "

It was 3-ABN, Danny, and Dr. Walter Thompson who have taken this public. They have publicly accused Linda. How many years has this gone on? Recently I was watching a program on 3-ABN, and it was a very good one. In that interview, Danny turned it to Linda when he made a comment regarding his ex-wife, and how a professional seduced her.

The God I worship is a God of truth and justice. That God calls for people to take a stand for what is right. When that wrong has been done in public, making it right, speaking for truth and justice must be done in public.

If you really knew the real story, you would know that there is much more than what many here have said. Many have been very careful to respond only as necessary, and have not gotten into non-appropriate stuff.

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I think the clause I bolded is the key as to whether this applies to those of us who are making the Shelton sins public knowledge. There have been people who worked privately and earnestly with Danny Shelton for years. And this has been especially true for the last two plus years. Yet he has never acknowledged his "mistakes", he has never corrected his practices, he has never returned that to the Lord's coffers that which he has stolen and either used for his own glory or put into his private bank accounts. And the saddest part of this story is that he has hidden all of his sins behind a supposed "mandate from the Lord" that has exempted him from applying the commandments (he claims to teach) to his own self and kin and friends..... No maybe the saddest part of the story is that so many church leaders in high places have aided and abetted him in his transgressions. How about showing us the things that Ellen has to say about people who give their support to people like this?

And if you really wish to check out the Littlejohn context, a visit to the Ellen White Estate website may find material already posted on it, or if not, an email to one of the contacts there will bring you more of the story. But from the line that I bolded, it is quite apparent that what he had done was to expose mistakes which had already been repented of and turned from. That is not the case with the Shelton mess. Defenses, dips in a baptismal tank, a few changes in the handling of finances..... these do not absolve sin nor wipe away the financial debts that are already owed.

Posted by: Clay Sep 14 2006, 09:16 AM

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It's not just the "fear factor" that concerns me, it is the turning Ellen White on her head and using her words in ways that she would never condone by attacking the very ones who are standing on God's side..... that..... to put it mildly..... **bugs** me.

Will it ever end? If you mean the rule by the Shelton Dynasty? Yes. That will come to an end. How, I don't know, and I have no idea how much damage the church will suffer for not having acted promptly in severing themselves from him. What I am very sure of is that the longer official voices delay in making an announcement to the church at large denouncing Danny Shelton and all who support and defend him.... forbidding Adventist churches from allowing him on their premises.... and

that Adventists ministries, ministers, and evangelists are to no longer have anything to do with 3ABN the more damage will be done when circumstances finally force them to this action. There was a time when there could have been some "heros". I am quite positive that that time has long since passed. The "do nothing" posture has cost our church more than it may realize for decades to come.

But if by "will this ever end?" you mean will this taking the quotes of Ellen White and using them in ways never intended by her..... then no. Unfortunately that will never end so long as we are in the very imperfect world. Both her friends and enemies handled her words in the same way when she was alive..... and both her friends and enemies still do the same today.

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Only if we allow it to be so. The game is not over just because someone pulls out an egw quotation. Actually, the most effective method to meet such things are what I call "fighting fire with fire". And I'm not speaking of engaging in a "flame war" with egw quotes as the weapons. I'm speaking of looking up the context of quotes that are misapplied, showing how they were intended to be applied, and only in that context, giving examples of her counsel that really does fit the situation of today.

What would Ellen do if she were here today? What would she do if she were asked to speak at a 3abn rally? Off hand, without doing some serious research (which unfortunately I don't dare take the time to do now), I think of the story that Roger Coon tells in his inimitable way when giving presentations on Ellen White something he did for years before and actually after ... he retired from White Estate several years ago.

It involved the case of a man with morals quite comparable to those of the Shelton clan And seemingly, his problems were somewhat well known.... for but I'm getting ahead of my story....

As Roger tells it complete with shrugging an invisible "shawl" around his shoulders and going through other postural motions that those who saw her in person described her as making ...

On this particular occasion, Ellen stood up to speak before a very large audience, and as usual, looked around the audience, arranged her notes on the podium, adjusted her shawl, cleared her throat, and opened her mouth, and nothing came out.

She looked a bit surprised, went through the same preparations as before, opened her mouth to speak, and still nothing came out.

According to the first hand witness to this..... who was a very alert and inquisitive boy at the time, but of course was an old man when he first told the experience to Roger.... this happened at least three times each time her look of puzzlement increased, and her visual "inspection" of the audience lengthened. At last, she turned around, and slowly looked down the long row of men seated behind her. Then suddenly, pointing directly at one of them, she spoke, loud and clear....

"How DARE you?!? How DARE you seat this man on the platform when I am going to speak?!? And either under the glare of her eyes, the pointing of the finger, or additional words from her mouth (memory is not clear at this point), the man rose, hunched as though he would like to disappear right there, but instead ran down the aisle and outside the building.

Roger goes on to give the details of "the rest of the story"..... which are immaterial here, and which I don't recall enough to recount even if I thought it appropriate, which I don't.

The point I want to make is that Ellen White, while being as one researcher called it, "so redemptively minded, that she frequently did not expose sin which really needed to be exposed", still had her

limits. And she did NOT allow herself to appear to condone a hardened sinner by appearing on the same platform with him..... as some of our current leaders have unfortunately done.

So please ... any of you who have the inclination to call Ellen to your support in casting stones at those of us who are standing in support of the victims and against the perpetrators of wrong-doing such as is hard for most of us to even comprehend..... cool it. We are not on trial here. We are "about our Father's business"..... and our Father is the God of Light and Truth ... not the "father of lies".

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I really don't know of anyone here who is "excited" about bringing Danny down. I think there are a great number of us who will feel a great relief when not only Danny, but ALL of the wrongdoers are "brought down" and the threats, not only to individuals, but to our church as a whole have been removed and restitution and healing can get underway. But "excitement" I think that is not a good word for the feelings. I'm not at all sure that you even dimly comprehend the pain and suffering that many have endured and are still enduring now.... or you would not even suggest such a word as "excitement". I do think that there will be many who will rejoice when this episode has been successfully concluded. I think scripture gives us permission and even injunctions to rejoice when our enemies have been destroyed and their victims have been exonerated. Let's not deny them those opportunities to praise God with a joyful heart for His deliverance.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 14 2006, 03:16 PM

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It's all about motive - how someone decides to USE her statements. If the dead could roll in their graves, I'm sure hers would be a cavern by now.

BTW Uncle Sam's EGW postings could be directed at all parties involved - those that have publicly attempted to villify Linda and some of those posting here.

Wise counsel can be misused. (And I'm not suggesting that Uncle Sam misused it or not!!!)

Posted by: jodi Sep 15 2006, 11:38 PM

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... Linda's VINDICATION ...

When did it happen?

Where?

How?

Please elaborate, PLEASE ... thank you...

About the MAP series at PMC, have you noticed how "DRAWN" Danny looks in his face. He appears to be under a cloud. Never smiled.

Also I noticed that Danny came trotting out when Dwight turned and called for John Lomacang.

Danny was not even mentioned as yet. Danny looks like he has seen a ghost. He moves stiffly and somberly.

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Posted by: paleface Sep 17 2006, 08:06 PM

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What would Ellen do if she were here today? What would she do if she were asked to speak at a 3abn rally? Off hand, without doing some serious research (which unfortunately I don't dare take the time to do now), I think of the story that Roger Coon tells in his inimitable way when giving presentations on Ellen White

Here's the story I believe you were recalling, copied from Roger's little book "A Gift of Light"-- I've preceeded it by a shorter, related story opening the chapter where Dr. Coon recounts these incidents of public rebuke by the prophet.

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In the early 1870s James and Ellen White were visiting summer camp meetings in Wisconsin and Minnesota. They had arrived on the grounds of one encampment after the meetings had begun. The people were assembled, probably in a large circus-type tent, and the speaker was well into his message.

The Whites paused momentarily on the edge of the gathering. Then Ellen took the arm of James, and together they walked down the center aisle, all the way down to the front row of seats. James took his seat, *but Ellen remained standing. Looking up at the minister and pointing her finger at him in a way that only prophets can point, she interrupted the sermon. In an exceedingly loud voice she said, "You have no business to be standing by that desk. You are not a fit man to be bringing a message to these people."*

The speaker stopped short. Amazement crossed the faces of all in the congregation. Had the people known (as they later learned) that Ellen White had never met or even seen this man before, nor did she know anything about him except what the Lord had revealed to her in vision, their awe would have been compounded.

Mrs. White earlier had only heard the sound of this man's voice in vision. And then the Lord had instructed her that when she heard this voice, she was to deliver this message: "Tell him that he is not a fit man to preach to the people. There is a woman in another state who calls him husband and a child who calls {35} him father, and there is a woman here on this campground who calls him husband and a child who calls him father."

When Ellen White delivered that message, the preacher bolted from the platform and disappeared. His sermon, like Schubert's Symphony No. 8, remained forever unfinished.

Sitting in the congregation that morning was the speaker's own brother. He now came forward and admitted that what Ellen White had said was true. The speaker had indeed been living a double life for some time, and most certainly he deserved this unusual rebuke. The Spirit of God blessed that camp meeting, and a great revival of godliness and holy living followed in its wake. 31 [see footnotes

at end]

Harold M. Blunden was about 12 or 13 and living in North Fitzroy, Australia, when word came that the American prophet would speak on the following Sabbath afternoon. Harold was skeptical about modern-day prophets, certainly about American prophets, and especially about female prophets! Harold felt, though, that he had to make up his mind for himself, so he determined to go early the next week and take a seat on the second row right on the aisle. He wanted to see and hear everything that happened.

That afternoon there was standing room only. The rostrum was filled with church officials, and only two seats in the center were empty. The train bringing Ellen White had been delayed two hours. The ministers present kept the congregation's attention by songs, prayers, testimonies, and brief remarks. Finally the door opened, and the diminutive woman prophet walked in, holding the arm of a distinguished American missionary, A. G. Daniells. Daniells introduced her from the pulpit and then retired to take one of the empty seats behind. Ellen White stood at the desk, laid her manuscript down, adjusted her shawl and manuscript, looked up at the people, smiled, and opened her mouth to speak. But no words came out.

She looked somewhat surprised, as did her hearers. Slowly she scanned the audience, then looked down at the pulpit, adjusted {41} her manuscript and shawl, looked up, smiled, and opened her mouth to speak. Again no words came. A look of consternation crossed the prophet's face, and a ripple of anxiety spread through the congregation.

Again she scanned her audience, this time more slowly—intently, as if looking for someone in particular. This time she didn't stop upon reaching the far side, but turned around and looked at the faces of the ministers in the seats behind her. Nathaniel Davis, a tall, lanky man, was sitting on the end. She turned to Daniells and said in disbelief, "What is this man doing on the platform with me?" Since her back was to the congregation, few caught the strange remark. But Harold Blunden, on the second row, heard the question and was dumbfounded. Why shouldn't Nathaniel Davis be on the same platform with her? he questioned silently. Davis was a leader, even if he was a relatively new Adventist. He was editor of the Australian Adventist magazine *Signs of the Times*. He had every right to be on that platform!

Suddenly Nathaniel Davis stood to his full height, towering above the diminutive American. He scowled and gave her the most hateful look one human could ever give another. He then turned on his heel, stalked off the platform, down the aisle, and out the chapel door.

Unperturbedly, Ellen White turned back to the pulpit, adjusted her manuscript and shawl, looked up, smiled, opened her mouth, and the words finally came. The people sat as if entranced for the hour and a quarter during which she spoke. At the close they crowded around her at the door to meet her personally.

Young Harold did not head for the door. He headed for the platform instead. He just had to know the meaning of this strange development. He hadn't heard a word of the entire sermon, because his thoughts bumped against themselves in his head. And this is what he learned.

Nathaniel Davis had problems—serious problems—and Ellen White had written him a five-page letter on August 16, {42} 1897. She had started it at 3:00 a.m. Paragraph 1 on page 2 began at 2:30 a.m. the day following. Then she continued the letter two days later. Mrs. White spelled out Brother Davis's problems with money, spiritualism, and loose morals. ("Your course is immoral. You are bringing disgrace upon the cause of truth. . . . You are a dangerous man to be left to yourself anywhere.")³⁶ As a mother might plead with a wayward son, Ellen White urged this new convert to mend his errant ways. But he had not heeded her advice. That Sabbath afternoon he was a living representative of the kingdom of darkness. God would not allow His ambassador from the kingdom of light to speak until Nathaniel Davis was banished!³⁷

"I never had any problems or questions about Ellen White after that!" Harold Blunden mused after

telling me this story. "Some doubted and disbelieved there in Australia, but my mind was made up. And I never had occasion to change it! I know. I was there. I was an eyewitness."

Blunden died shortly after telling me his story, at the age of 89, never knowing what had happened to Nathaniel Davis. Nor did I, until some years later. One day one of my colleagues, knowing of my interest in the rest of the story, came into my office. He excitedly waved a document in his hand. When Ellen White left Australia in 1900, the church workers gave her a large loose-leaf autograph album as a farewell gift. Each page had been inscribed by someone whom Mrs. White's nine-year ministry on that continent had blessed. And one of the pages was in the handwriting of Nathaniel Davis!

"It affords me the most sincere pleasure to have the privilege of putting on record my appreciation of Sister E. G. White's work and my gratitude to my heavenly Father for the messages sent through her to His people.

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"[signed] N. A. Davis
"Geelong, Victoria, Australia
"6 August 1900"38

It is as true today as it was when King Jehoshaphat first uttered the words about 850 B.C.: "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper" (2 Chronicles 20:20).

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FootNotes:

31. Denton E. Rebok, "The Spirit of Prophecy in the Remnant Church," in Our Firm Foundation (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1953), vol. 1, pp. 233, 234. This story came to Arthur L. White through veteran pioneer leader George B. Starr; White subsequently shared it orally with Rebok

37. Harold Blunden related this story in part of his sermon "Guidance for Earth's Last Generation," published by the White Estate for the annual Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Day, April 12, 1958, pp. 6, 7.

38. This autograph album is today preserved in the archives of the White Estate main office in Silver Spring, MD and is viewable there

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Posted by: simplysaved Sep 20 2006, 02:24 AM

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It would be something to see threads in this forum (and I have read a few posts) where those who have been wronged have and/or are working through their hurt---at the sole expense of Satan, and not a person.

QUOTE(watchbird @ Sep 14 2006, 12:02 PM)

You make some excellent points here. And it is certainly true that being involved in anything that is negative can have negative influences in one's own life and this is true even when the cause for which one fights is right and good. I have felt it necessary a few other times in my life to work earnestly against something and it has always had negative effects on my life both psychologically and physically but never spiritually. In order to endure I find it necessary to walk very closely with God and to focus on the positive good that can be accomplished so I come through times like these spiritually stronger than before even though I am drained both emotionally and physically.

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 Nathan the prophet dealing straightly with David over Bathsheba
 Achan's secret sin, discovered and dealt with by the leadership (after innocents died)
 David's sin in numbering the people (the people were punished instead of David)

In each case above, sin was dealt with STRICTLY. ... Whether the sins were public, or private, God dealt with them either directly, or through others under His influence (e.g. the church leadership). Some of those sins would seem small in our eyes today...but not so with God. In three of the four, God required the death of innocent people for the sin of the perpetrator. So, I guess, my question is, how many will perish as a result of sins committed in such a responsible position as the leadership of 3ABN? And should the church body, especially the leadership, be duty-bound to deal with those sins, lest many more perish while the rottenness festers? I agree, that God is a forgiving God, but there is a limit to His forbearance.

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
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 22 2006, 11:39 AM


QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ Sep 22 2006, 08:22 AM) 

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
That's a great passage. It almost seems to be calling for us to expose deeds of darkness. But then I read on a bit further and begin to wonder... just who is to expose them?

Ephesians 5:11-14 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:
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
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Is there a difference between idolizing (celebrity worship) and revering? I think of dear H.M.S. Richards Sr. whose work as a man of God brought deep spiritual joy to so many. I revered this man! God's character was written all over his life.

As I have said on this forum in the past, I have received spiritual blessings from some of 3abn's programming. I do not idolize any of the presenters but I have grown to feel that some are part of my larger family, the family of God, to some degree. I have not had the face-to-face exposure that some here have, and I certainly don't discount that wrongs very well may have been perpetrated. To this end I am constantly praying that God will intervene in a way He sees fit.

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Posted by: Clay Sep 22 2006, 12:01 PM

PRIDE..... we have nothing on Nebuchadnezzar....

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Sep 22 2006, 02:15 PM

On the expose them part, there is a process to be followed, however, where do we go, what do we do when an attempt had been made to follow the process, however, tight control over the local church itself by the offender/s nullified that process?

Posted by: Jewel50 Sep 23 2006, 07:16 AM

Revealing "the mistakes" of others...I just cringe when I read that kind of stuff. Yes I dont believe in revealing that so and so made a big mistake in say marrying out side of his/her faith. That to me is a mistake. But what Danny and others have done at 3ABN and are still doing it NOT considered "a mistake". These things need to be brought out in the open and something done about them. For those of you who think that TOP officials need to be doing this work well dont be so naive as to to think that our TOP officials..not all...but there are those who will just sweep the sins under the rug so to speak. And yes I can testify to that as it happend to me. However bad it was to me persoanly it has paled in comparison to what is happeining and has happend at 3ABN. Truth will come out. Either here in this Earth or at the end of time when the unconfessed sins of ALL have not been confessed and repented of and they or me will be crying for the rocks to fall on them or me. Only then it will be to late to help anyone. Sweeping the sins under the rug like what others are hoping will happen to 3ABN will not change this fact.

QUOTE

Nehemiah was chosen by God because he was willing to co-operate with the Lord as a restorer. Falsehood and intrigue were used to pervert his integrity, but he would not be bribed. He refused to be corrupted by the devices of unprincipled men, who had been hired to do an evil work. He would not allow them to intimidate him into following a cowardly course. When he saw wrong principles being acted upon, he did not stand by as an onlooker, and by his silence give consent. He did not leave the people to conclude that he was standing on the wrong side. He took a firm, unyielding stand for the right. He would not lend one jot of influence to the perversion of the principles that God has established. Whatever the course others might pursue, he could say, "So did not I, because of the fear of God." {RH, May 2, 1899 par. 6}

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The greatest want of the world is the want of men-- men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. {Ed 57.3}

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Those who have in the fear of God ventured out to faithfully meet error and sin, calling sin by its right name, have discharged a disagreeable duty with much suffering of feelings to themselves; but they get the sympathy of but few and suffer the neglect of many. The sympathizers are on the wrong side, and they carry out the purposes of Satan to defeat the design of God. {3T 328.2}

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Cleanse the camp of this moral corruption, if it takes the highest men in the highest positions. God will not be trifled with. Fornication is in our ranks; I know it, for it has been shown me to be strengthening and extending its pollutions. There is much we will never know; but that which is revealed makes the church responsible and guilty unless they show a determined effort to eradicate the evil. Cleanse the camp, for there is an accursed thing in it.

The words of God to Joshua are: "Neither will I be with you anymore, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you." These things are written for our benefit, upon whom the ends of the world are come. {TM 428}

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 23 2006, 07:38 AM

Well, to continue those messages from the Spirit of Prophecy with a stronger one on the same theme:

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Joshua and the elders of Israel were in great affliction. They lay before the ark of God in most abject humility because the Lord was wroth with His people. They prayed and wept before God. The Lord spoke to Joshua: "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you." {3T 264.3}

Duty to Reprove Sin

I have been shown that God here illustrates how He regards sin among those who profess to be His commandment-keeping people. Those whom He has specially honored with witnessing the remarkable exhibitions of His power, as did ancient Israel, and who will even then venture to disregard His express directions, will be subjects of His wrath. He would teach His people that disobedience and sin are exceedingly offensive to Him and are not to be lightly regarded. He shows us that when His people are found in sin they should at once take decided measures to put that sin from them, that His frown may not rest upon them all. But if the sins of the people are passed over by those in responsible positions, His frown will be upon them, and the people of God, as a body, will be held responsible for those sins. In His dealings with His people in the past the Lord shows the necessity of purifying the church from wrongs. **One sinner may diffuse darkness that will exclude the light of God from the entire congregation.** When the people realize that darkness is settling upon them, and they do not know the cause, they should seek God earnestly, in great

humility and self-abasement, until the wrongs which grieve His Spirit are searched out and put away. {3T 265.1}

The prejudice which has arisen against us because we have reproved the wrongs that God has shown me existed, and the cry that has been raised of harshness and severity, are unjust. God bids us speak, and we will not be silent. If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by a neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it. {3T 265.2}

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 23 2006, 11:38 AM

QUOTE(Green Cochoa @ Sep 23 2006, 06:38 AM)

Well, to continue those messages from the Spirit of Prophecy with a stronger one on the same theme:

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Yes, I agree it is powerful!

Something that really caught my attention in the part of the quote that you highlighted was:

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It appears to me that she isn't speaking of those sins that are speculation or supposed but those that are "evident, clear, manifest, open, obvious, indisputable"(from my Thesaurus).

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Sep 23 2006, 03:03 PM

QUOTE(paleface @ Sep 17 2006, 10:06 PM)

I noticed that Danny nor John looked liked they were not having a good experience. Also did you notice that on Friday night that Danny did not receive even a polite applause from the audience. Sat. night was better. Both Doug and Dwight were nurvous as well.

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....It would be something to see threads in this forum (and I have read a few posts) where those who have been wronged have and/or are working through their hurt---at the sole expense of Satan, and not a person.



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I'm not sure I understand what SimplySaved was meaning either, but since she was responding to a post of mine I'll give it a try. She had highlighted this statement from that....

"I really don't know of anyone here who is "excited" about bringing Danny down. I think there are a great number of us who will feel a great relief when not only Danny, but ALL of the wrongdoers are "brought down" and the threats, not only to individuals, but to our church as a whole have been removed and restitution and healing can get underway."

What I meant to say was that timewise once the wrongdoers were "brought down" then "healing can get underway".

What it SEEMS to me is that she may have thought I meant that it was the "brought down" part that

would CAUSE the healing. And in that context I could agree that "forgiveness" would be the thing that would "bring about the healing"..... not the punishment of the wrongdoers.

But as to what you were extrapolating from that..... No! Forgiving does NOT mean excusing. Forgiving does NOT mean that the guilty one is allowed to "go free" with no just consequences. And forgiving certainly does NOT mean leaving the guilty one in a position of trust and leadership which not only gives a wrong message to everyone regarding the seriousness of sin but gives the guilty one more opportunity to victimize others.

And it should be remembered that only the injured party has any right to forgive! God, of course, is ALWAYS one of the "injured parties"..... which is why he has the right (and ability) to forgive all.... and even to take their just punishment upon Himself and let the sinner go free, in the sense of the final eternal punishment or salvation. But not even God Himself "forgives" in the sense of excusing wrongdoing.

But we humans only have the "right" to forgive those who trespass against US.... individually. We have no right and no ability and no commandment to forgive those who trespass against someone else! In fact, it would be sin for us to do so..... We have seen the quotations.... both from scripture and from Ellen White.... which tell us of our obligation to identify and combat sin wherever we find it. We only find Biblical injunctions to forgive those who trespass against us.

We can bind up the wounds of the wounded. We can give them a sympathetic ear and hug. But we cannot forgive for them.

We can bring a sinner to justice. We can remove him from positions of trust. We can do all in our power to ensure that he can do no more harm. But we cannot forgive him for anything other than what he has done to us personally. It is way past time for us to learn more properly the dynamics of sin and forgiveness and justice and punishment, and stop wallowing in a "guilt pit" every time we see sin and realize that we have a responsibility to "call sin by its right name" and stand up and be counted on the side of righteousness.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 23 2006, 03:58 PM

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You make a good point. However..... when the denomination's "most prominent evangelist" repeatedly calls the leader of a "ministry" the "face of Adventism", and when that leader accepts the title, "the anointed one" from his co-workers, then he should be held to the same standards as any ordained pastor.

This may be one of the weaknesses of the denominational structure as it is now..... that there are no clearly defined standards of conduct or channels of accountability for Adventists who set up their own ministries. This, we should note again, is in contrast to many other independent Evangelical ministries, who have set up a very strict code of ethics for themselves, and have bound themselves together by ties of accountability and ethics, even without being part of the same "denominational structure".

We err greatly, IMO (and in the opinions of an increasing number of Adventists) in that we do not have such a system of accountability lines not even for our conference leaders, much less for ministries owned and operated by individuals or small groups.

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Ok...not an "ordained" Pastor - but one who stands in a "*likeness*" of a Pastor/leader....

As long as this is the same "answer" that is done for all..... Young ladies (like me) and others.... Wait? You mean this isn't the way it's done for all..... Then Danny should suffer the same fate as others (me) had to....

JMO

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 23 2006, 07:49 PM

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Posted by: paleface Sep 23 2006, 08:10 PM

Princess Dr Re, my heart hurts for your pain. From personal experience, I notice that more harsh words and hurt comes from the Saints within the church than from those without.

Reaction: I nearly changed my membership to another Conf. thus my tithe and freewill offerings and loyalties going to said Conf.

Did you attend meetings at PM during the weekly evenings? Could you hear everything that Pastor Doug said clearly? We taped all of the messages for passing around in our area.

Posted by: justme Sep 23 2006, 10:15 PM

Many years ago, in California, I met the Adventist artist, Elfred Lee. I have received an email that relates an experience Elfred Lee had, around the time he was doing a mural in Washington,DC. I will post it here and now.

It relates to the topic of the

VALIDITY OF ELLEN WHITE:[/b]

[b]"Subject: Who is this Ellen White?

Shared by Edwin de Kock

Artist Elfred Lee's Testimony of Rabbi Joe Kagan's Endorsement of EllenG. White "I met Rabbi Joe Kagan at Weimar Institute in CA. His family had come from Eastern Europe where his aunt had been raped while a priest stood over her with a crucifix saying, "This is what you get for killing Christ." So you can imagine the feeling of many Jews towards Christianity. American Christians are not at all like Europeans. His family moved to the US while he was young. At age 13 he debuted at Carnegie Hall as a cantor. He had a beautiful, tenor voice. He received a very high education and became a rabbi. I met him in his later years in 1978 after he had been on Ronald Reagan's staff in Sacramento as their research man. If there were any questions about any subject, he was the one that did the research and found the answers. He had a very negative attitude towards Christianity. He would never touch the New Testament. However, he knew the Jewish Old Testament (Torah) extremely well as a highly educated rabbi would. One day he got hold of a book called Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen G. White. He read it with astonishment and wanted to know who this Ellen White was. That is when I met him. He was asking who is this Ellen G. White and what university did she attend.

We told him she only had a 3rd grade education. "Then where did she learn Hebrew?" he asked. We told him that she never knew Hebrew, but was the most prolific female writer in history and that this was only one of her books. He was amazed at her knowledge, saying that the information in this book (Patriarchs and Prophets) is Mishnaic. The Mishnah is part of the Hebrew scholarship. He said the Mishnah had only been translated into English 30 years ago and that only high-level rabbis knew this information. This is the history of my people and it is very, very accurate. He also said that you have to know Hebrew to be able to write like this because her sentence structure is not English, it's Hebrew. The rhythm the meter, the arrangement of words and expressions are not English. He said it's as if she wrote in Hebrew and it was translated into English.

My family and I developed a strong friendship with Joe, his wife and son. As we studied the Bible and some Ellen White books together one day, he said, "I am convinced that Ellen White was inspired by the same source that inspired the Hebrew prophets. I want to become a Christian. I accept Jesus Christ as my Messiah." Now, he would not have come to Christ through reading the Bible. Even though the Hebrew Bible is full of prophecies pointing to the Messiah, it took Ellen White's writings to prove to him that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of all the Hebrew prophecies. And only then did he pick up the New Testament and read about his Jewish Messiah.

Many times I saw him cry. I was in the middle of a painting commission for a large mural called "Christ The Way of Life" for the world headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Washington DC. He became very involved with that painting. The painting had originally been inspired by James and Ellen White who had commissioned an engraver to do a black and white drawing of the subject. He confirmed to me that Ellen White's concept was very accurate on the whole plan of salvation in both the Old and New Testament, but that the engraver had misrepresented her concepts. So he helped me in many details to make the painting historically and theologically accurate; especially regarding the sanctuary section, the Hebrew writing on the cross and the last supper scene. He told me to paint Jesus and his disciples at an oriental style table, sitting on mats on the floor - not Roman couches as the medieval artists painted. Further, he said their heads would be covered and he made sure I painted the wine, the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs and their symbolism exactly as they would have been.

He approved of the whole painting and we had an unveiling ceremony at the Auburn SDA church in late 1979. He had written a song to go with the painting and sat at the organ as we unveiled the painting. He wept as he sang the words of Jesus on the cross quoting Isaiah, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" He sang and sang and wept and wept, his whole body shaking. There was not a dry eye in the whole church. His voice was so beautiful. The original painting hangs in the new SDA world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland where they have posters and bible studies of the painting. I could never have done it without the inspiration of Rabbi Kagan and Ellen White. I wish they were still alive! We were at his secret baptism in the Bear River above Sacramento on Saturday night Dec 22 1979. There were four of us present. He could not even tell his wife and son that he was now a Christian. As he came up out of the cold water praising God and singing to his new Messiah, he said, "I am now a completed Jew. I have now accepted the Old and New Testament and the Messiah that all Jewish prophets told us about!"

I was recently in Europe giving some workshops on art and some of my archeological work in the Middle East. I happened to meet a Jewish family from Israel. Shalom David was originally from Iraq and his wife from Chile. They were now attending a college in Europe where I met with quite a bit of opposition to the writings of Ellen White. This Jewish family invited me to their home for Shabbat (Friday night supper.) It was a most enjoyable occasion as his wife and beautiful children sang and celebrated the arrival of Sabbath as Jews have done for thousands of years. I told them the story of Rabbi Kagan and he got very excited. He said, "The same thing happened to me! I would have rather burned the bible then touch it! I wanted nothing to do with Christianity, but I also read the writings of Ellen White and the Spirit of God was on that woman. Her writings are as if she wrote in Hebrew. You can definitely hear the Hebrew rhythm, meter and expressions in her books. I also believe she was inspired by the same source as the Hebrew prophets. And she has helped me fall in love with Jesus Christ, my Messiah."

I just met yesterday with a rabbi living here in California - Rabbi Ben. It was a follow up to a Sabbath meal I was invited to this last Sabbath with him and a group of Adventists. He went through the whole ceremony at the meal just like Rabbi Kagan and my new friend (Shalom David) in Europe had. So yesterday we were talking over Hebrew ceremonies and how they are still effective in healing disease. Rabbi Ben told me that he has also had the same experience. He hated the bible but that Ellen White brought him to Christ and helped him read the New Testament and fall in love with the Messiah. He also told me that he had gone to visit one of the most influential rabbis in America who is in his 90s who must remain unnamed. While in this rabbi's library talking, he was scanning the many, many books on his walls and there he saw the book Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen white. Rabbi Ben asked him about it and where he had gotten it, "Why do you have this book by a Christian author?" The rabbi said, "This as a very authoritative source on our history." I recently shared this testimony on T.V. at 3 Angels Broadcasting Network. My phone has been ringing day and night by interested

people from as far away as India and Australia saying, "we want to know more about Joe Kagan and Ellen White."

The book **Patriarchs and Prophets** can be found in any **Adventist Book Center** or at the **General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** on old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland. Posters of "Christ The Way of Life" can be found there. See it online at <<http://www.elfredleereligiousart.com/>>

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
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Posted by: seraph|m Sep 24 2006, 12:33 AM

QUOTE(Green Cochoa @ Sep 23 2006, 09:49 PM) □


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Well, as God allowed Judas to be called a disciple, so he has allowed Danny to be in a leadership role for many, making him as their shepherd/pastor. Zechariah 11 talks about the shepherds who have no concern for the sheep, and refers to "foolish shepherds" and "idol shepherds". [As I said before, "shepherd" and "pastor" are synonomous.] Therefore, saying one is as a pastor makes no statement

as to their qualifications for that role. In fact, perhaps we ALL are ordained of God to that role of "pastor" as a "kindom of priests" (Ex. 19:6).

However, you make a good point, and if I follow the New Testament on the subject, perhaps I should correct my wording and call Danny a "hireling". (John 10) Here again, we might all be under the same title, so there's no cause for comparison. Jesus' words should speak to each of us.

BTW--since someone is bound to ask--the similarity I seem to see between Judas and Danny is that they were both "self-called" if I understand correctly. I'm not equating them in any other sense here.

Posted by: Clay Sep 24 2006, 01:49 AM

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Luke 6:12-16 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. (13) **And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;** (14) Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, (15) Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, (16) And Judas the brother of James, and **Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.**

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John 6:70-71 Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?** (71) He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 24 2006, 04:42 AM

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Well, if you want some gymnastics, tell me without contradicting yourself who hardened Pharaoh's heart! Sometimes the Bible is open to interpretation, and sometimes the wording used is not necessarily as simple to understand as taking it at face value. I accept your point. And yet, I understand the same passages differently. I don't see any conflict between EGW and the Bible on this point. She is telling us what happened, historically, which Mark only remotely implies in the following passage: (Mark 3:13-19)

QUOTE

And he goeth up into a mountain, **and calleth unto him whom he would:** and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas

Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

Ellen White is talking about this same ordination service. It is evident that Judas tagged along with those whom Jesus had called, and was accepted into their company and ordained along with them. Jesus did not refuse Judas, even though Judas had come "uninvited". Perhaps you would agree that there can be a difference between those called and those actually ordained here.

Again, in Luke, we have almost the same story: (Luke 6:13-16)

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Here the distinction is even more clear between those called and those chosen. It is as if there were many disciples (followers) from which to choose, and He accepted just twelve of them. We are told, of course, of Jesus' specific invitation to some of those disciples, calling them by name, and saying "Follow me." Where did Jesus call Judas in like manner?

Posted by: västergötland Sep 24 2006, 06:37 AM

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Think once more and you will realize that it was God who told us that in the first place. (Sorry I don't have a text on the tip of my fingers, but perhaps others will supply those for us.)

Shakespeare only commented on what was obvious to the observer. But God is a God of Love.... which includes mercy, and he is willing to let it "embolden sin", knowing that it will also cause some sinners to change their ways and abandon their sin and turn and follow Him.

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Posted by: Clay Sep 24 2006, 08:04 AM

QUOTE(Green Cochoa @ Sep 24 2006, 06:35 AM) □

Well, if you want some gymnastics, tell me without contradicting yourself who hardened Pharaoh's heart! Sometimes the Bible is open to interpretation, and sometimes the wording used is not necessarily as simple to understand as taking it at face value. I accept your point. And yet, I understand the same passages differently. I don't see any conflict between EGW and the Bible on this point. She is telling us what happened, historically, which Mark only remotely implies in the following passage: (Mark 3:13-19)

Ellen White is talking about this same ordination service. It is evident that Judas tagged along with those whom Jesus had called, and was accepted into their company and ordained along with them. Jesus did not refuse Judas, even though Judas had come "uninvited". Perhaps you would agree that there can be a difference between those called and those actually ordained here.

Again, in Luke, we have almost the same story: (Luke 6:13-16)

Here the distinction is even more clear between those called and those chosen. It is as if there were many disciples (followers) from which to choose, and He accepted just twelve of them. We are told, of course, of Jesus' specific invitation to some of those disciples, calling them by name, and saying "Follow me." Where did Jesus call Judas in like manner?

gymnastics.... the bible says Jesus chose... I am going with that one.... just because there is no detailed description of Jesus calling Judas as he did Peter, does not mean it didn't happen.....

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 24 2006, 08:11 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Sep 24 2006, 07:35 AM) □

No gymnastics..... just a comment. IMO "people feel uncomfortable with the fact that Jesus chose Judas" as one of the twelve because they can't handle having at least two of their presuppositions challenged..... 1) that had Jesus known of Judas's betrayal he would not have chosen him, and 2) (which is probably most basic and important), they can't accept the idea that God may not have perfect detailed knowledge of the future, but that He is honest in the opportunities he gives to human beings to make real decisions and to develop their character in one direction or another... not merely so that other humans can see the results, but also so that He, Himself, can see what they will do.

I am not at all "uncomfortable" with the idea that Jesus might have chosen Judas. As it stands, I don't believe that Jesus chose him in the same manner with which He selected the others, but I would have no problem, if such were truly the case, with the other scenario. Jesus did know the future, which is why He later commented on having chosen the twelve and one was a devil. (John 6:70) So I have no problem with either 1) or 2) stated above.

However, here's some other possibles that some might be uncomfortable with if, in fact, we determine that Jesus called Judas instead of Judas volunteering himself: 1) Were there only eleven who were truly qualified and Jesus had to pick an inferior character just to reach the magic number 12? 2) Was there someone else more qualified, of a better metal, who Jesus rejected, just to secure Judas? 3) Did Jesus pick Judas only to fulfill messianic prophecies, knowing full well what Judas would do?

Personally, I think Ellen White wrote the truth. Judas had a great deal of pride. As such, he certainly would have deemed himself an asset to Jesus and his uncultured band of men. Why wouldn't he have volunteered, if this was the Messiah? Everyone in his day believed the Messiah would be a king to set them free from the Romans. Judas wanted some of that honor. And his "class" made the disciples think he would be a good companion as well...they could not see his heart the way Jesus certainly did.

The more important question for us is, are we volunteering to do things for God without His invitation? Perhaps God can work through it, in spite of ourselves, but it is never safe to go without His permission. Ask Balaam.

Posted by: Clay Sep 24 2006, 08:14 AM

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Posted by: västergötland Sep 24 2006, 08:26 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Sep 24 2006, 02:07 PM) □

Think once more and you will realize that it was God who told us that in the first place. (Sorry I don't have a text on the tip of my fingers, but perhaps others will supply those for us.)

Shakespeare only commented on what was obvious to the observer. But God is a God of Love... which includes mercy, and he is willing to let it "embolden sin", knowing that it will also cause some sinners to change their ways and abandon their sin and turn and follow Him.

God gives mercy because it is in His nature to do so. We as humans is another topic entirely. Giving this quote in a topic discussing whether we are to offer mercy towards those at 3ABN or not gives the impression of "not". It gives the impression that it would endanger us to forgive Danny and the others at 3ABN. It is possible that this is not how it was intended but in such case a few words of comment wouldn't have been too much to ask of beartrap.

As for texts to quote on the area of forgiveness, let me offer this one.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/cgi-bin/popup.pl?book=Luk&chapter=11&verse=4&version=kjv>

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 24 2006, 08:47 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Sep 24 2006, 08:57 AM

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Posted by: Lubega Sep 24 2006, 09:20 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 24 2006, 09:31 AM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Sep 23 2006, 05:40 PM) □

Ok...not an "ordained" Pastor - but one who stands in a *"likeness"* of a Pastor/leader....

As long as this is the same "answer" that is done for all..... Young ladies (like me) and others....

Wait? You mean this isn't the way it's done for all.....

Then Danny should suffer the same fate as others (me) had to....


JMO

You've got a good point there, Re. Guess perhaps it is a regional thing for me. In my church they baptize a person even if they haven't given up smoking yet. They won't let the person hold a church position until they have moved far enough along in their spiritual journey, but they are welcomed into

the membership of fellow sinners seeking the kingdom. West Coast SDA churches seem to be more liberal in that regard (and I praise the Lord for it).

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I certainly can identify with you being harshly judged by the organization. Although I wasn't disfellowshipped when I was a young lady for sins they thought I had committed, I certainly was shunned! This was decades ago and on a completely different continent.

I hope you have been welcomed back into the fold by now! Some day the churches who got their high and mighty panties all bunched up and forgot that they were sinners, too, will certainly have some reckoning to deal with IMO!!! 

QUOTE(Green Cochoa @ Sep 23 2006, 05:49 PM)

That is only true on paper. In the sight of God he is most certainly a pastor. A pastor means "shepherd". In fact, in Spanish, it is the same word for pastor and shepherd--both "pastor". Pastor has the same root as our English word pasture, and can be thought of as one who "feeds the flock". Danny, in his position of trust, is feeding many every day with his words, whether they be truth-filled or empty. One day, he, as all of us, will have to answer God's question "where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" (Jer. 13:20)

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

Point taken.

Posted by: simplysaved Sep 24 2006, 09:37 AM

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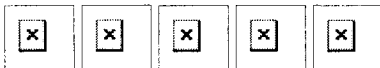
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Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 24 2006, 10:20 AM

QUOTE(justme @ Sep 23 2006, 11:15 PM)

Many years ago, in California, I met the Adventist artist, Elfred Lee. I have received an email that relates an experience Elfred Lee had, around the time he was doing a mural in Washington,DC. I will post it here and now.

It relates to the topic of the

VALIDITY OF ELLEN WHITE:[/b]

**[b]"Subject: Who is this Ellen White?
Shared by Edwin de Kock**

Artist Alfred Lee's Testimony of Rabbi Joe Kagan's Endorsement of Ellen G. White "I met Rabbi Joe Kagan at Weimar Institute in CA. His family had come from Eastern Europe where his aunt had been raped while a priest stood over her with a crucifix saying, "This is what you get for killing Christ." So you can imagine the feeling of many Jews towards Christianity. American Christians are not at all like Europeans. His family moved to the US while he was young. At age 13 he debuted at Carnegie Hall as a cantor. He had a beautiful, tenor voice. He received a very high education and became a rabbi. I met him in his later years in 1978 after he had been on Ronald Reagan's staff in Sacramento as their research man. If there were any questions about any subject, he was the one that did the research and found the answers. He had a very negative attitude towards Christianity. He would never touch the New Testament. However, he knew the Jewish Old Testament (Torah) extremely well as a highly educated rabbi would. One day he got hold of a book called Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen G. White. He read it with astonishment and wanted to know who this Ellen White was. That is when I met him. He was asking who is this Ellen G. White and what university did she attend.

We told him she only had a 3rd grade education. "Then where did she learn Hebrew?" he asked. We told him that she never knew Hebrew, but was the most prolific female writer in history and that this was only one of her books. He was amazed at her knowledge, saying that the information in this book (Patriarchs and Prophets) is Mishnaic. The Mishnah is part of the Hebrew scholarship. He said the Mishnah had only been translated into English 30 years ago and that only high-level rabbis knew this information. This is the history of my people and it is very, very accurate. He also said that you have to know Hebrew to be able to write like this because her sentence structure is not English, it's Hebrew. The rhythm the meter, the arrangement of words and expressions are not English. He said it's as if she wrote in Hebrew and it was translated into English.

My family and I developed a strong friendship with Joe, his wife and son. As we studied the Bible and some Ellen White books together one day, he said, "I am convinced that Ellen White was inspired by the same source that inspired the Hebrew prophets. I want to become a Christian. I accept Jesus Christ as my Messiah." Now, he would not have come to Christ through reading the Bible. Even though the Hebrew Bible is full of prophecies pointing to the Messiah, it took Ellen White's writings to prove to him that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of all the Hebrew prophecies. And only then did he pick up the New Testament and read about his Jewish Messiah.

Many times I saw him cry. I was in the middle of a painting commission for a large mural called "Christ The Way of Life" for the world headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Washington DC. He became very involved with that painting. The painting had originally been inspired by James and Ellen White who had commissioned an engraver to do a black and white drawing of the subject. He confirmed to me that Ellen White's concept was very accurate on the whole plan of salvation in both the Old and New Testament, but that the engraver had misrepresented her concepts. So he helped me in many details to make the painting historically and theologically accurate; especially regarding the sanctuary section, the Hebrew writing on the cross and the last supper scene. He told me to paint Jesus and his disciples at an oriental style table, sitting on mats on the floor - not Roman couches as the medieval artists painted. Further, he said their heads would be covered and he made sure I painted the wine, the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs and their symbolism exactly as they would have been.

He approved of the whole painting and we had an unveiling ceremony at the Auburn SDA church in late 1979. He had written a song to go with the painting and sat at the organ as we unveiled the painting. He wept as he sang the words of Jesus on the cross quoting Isaiah, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" He sang and sang and wept and wept, his whole body shaking. There was not a dry eye in the whole church. His voice was so beautiful. The original painting hangs in the new SDA world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland where they have posters and bible studies of the painting. I could never have done it without the inspiration of Rabbi Kagan and Ellen White. I wish they were still alive! We were at his secret baptism in the Bear River above Sacramento on Saturday night Dec 22

1979. There were four of us present. He could not even tell his wife and son that he was now a Christian. As he came up out of the cold water praising God and singing to his new Messiah, he said, "I am now a completed Jew. I have now accepted the Old and New Testament and the Messiah that all Jewish prophets told us about!"

I was recently in Europe giving some workshops on art and some of my archeological work in the Middle East. I happened to meet a Jewish family from Israel. Shalom David was originally from Iraq and his wife from Chile. They were now attending a college in Europe where I met with quite a bit of opposition to the writings of Ellen White. This Jewish family invited me to their home for Shabbat (Friday night supper.) It was a most enjoyable occasion as his wife and beautiful children sang and celebrated the arrival of Sabbath as Jews have done for thousands of years. I told them the story of Rabbi Kagan and he got very excited. He said, "The same thing happened to me! I would have rather burned the bible then touch it! I wanted nothing to do with Christianity, but I also read the writings of Ellen White and the Spirit of God was on that woman. Her writings are as if she wrote in Hebrew. You can definitely hear the Hebrew rhythm, meter and expressions in her books. I also believe she was inspired by the same source as the Hebrew prophets. And she has helped me fall in love with Jesus Christ, my Messiah."

I just met yesterday with a rabbi living here in California - Rabbi Ben. It was a follow up to a Sabbath meal I was invited to this last Sabbath with him and a group of Adventists. He went through the whole ceremony at the meal just like Rabbi Kagan and my new friend (Shalom David) in Europe had. So yesterday we were talking over Hebrew ceremonies and how they are still effective in healing disease. Rabbi Ben told me that he has also had the same experience. He hated the bible but that Ellen White brought him to Christ and helped him read the New Testament and fall in love with the Messiah. He also told me that he had gone to visit one of the most influential rabbis in America who is in his 90s who must remain unnamed. While in this rabbi's library talking, he was scanning the many, many books on his walls and there he saw the book Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen white. Rabbi Ben asked him about it and where he had gotten it, "Why do you have this book by a Christian author?" The rabbi said, "This as a very authoritative source on our history." I recently shared this testimony on T.V. at 3 Angels Broadcasting Network. My phone has been ringing day and night by interested people from as far away as India and Australia saying, "we want to know more about Joe Kagan and Ellen White."

The book Patriarchs and Prophets can be found in any Adventist Book Center or at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland. Posters of "Christ The Way of Life" can be found there. See it online at <http://www.elfredleereligiousart.com/>

The Joy of the Lord is my Strength"

Nehemiah 8:10

International Prayer Ministry

PrWarrior4Him@aol.com"

F Y I

There is already a thread on this email... I'll find and post the link later...and what I said there, I will repeat here... If EGW were to see this it would make her sick... because her intent in all she said and did was not so people would ask "who is this Ellen White?" but rather that they ask "who is this Jesus?".

It is men who have put her on a pedestal and directed a spotlight on her and elevated her to semi-deity status in the years since she died... but were she alive her response to this would be that of the

angel to John in Rev 19... " See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant..."She refused such while she lived but she has been made the posthumous pope of Adventism, complete with ex cathedra infallibility... and there are some who would even deign to make her co-redemptrix, believing that believing EGW alone is enough to get one walking the golden streets of the New Jerusalem.

Another thing in this is her writings being seen as Talmudic in nature, since the Talmud is post exilic rabbinical interpretations of scripture and not scripture itself, it is at best problematic for those who view them as on a par with (if not de facto greater than) scripture...

In His service,
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 24 2006, 11:31 AM

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I still just don't get it. If Danny has done all that he has been accused of, why don't the wronged take legal action. If they are why all the secrecy? If there is such hard evidence what are they worried about? If the evidence is there why won't the "leaders" believe it? I see some of them being blinded

but not all of them. I understand Dr. B spoke out but I hate to say it he doesn't have much credibility with most SDA's I know....

Posted by: JustTana Sep 24 2006, 12:17 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Sep 14 2006, 08:39 AM)

Context is such an important factor in "rightly dividing the word of truth"..... and even more so in applying the "word of truth" to circumstances which are far different than the original situation calling for the "testimony".

When Ellen White wrote testimonies to individuals, she wrote to correct that particular individual. And since some strayed from the path on the one side and some on the other, she wrote quite opposite things to those on each side of the path. And even in her lifetime it was quite common for those who needed the counsel on the one side to pick up the counsel to those straying in the opposite direction and vice versa.

Ellen at times "hid" the sins of her brethren..... and at times exposed them. And she has counsel which is generalized to the church for when it is appropriate for us to choose between the same courses of action. In general, the "rules" are the same as those laid down in scripture sin must be exposed to the same extent to which it has affected other people (or that it has the potential for harming other people).

It is, IMO, cruelty of the rankest order for someone to add to the stress of the burdens that those of us carry..... who, either because we were directly victimized by the Shelton gang or have seen enough so that we simply can no longer stand aside without doing whatever it takes to get the evils we have seen (and any others that we haven't yet seen) expunged from the "camp"..... by applying such out of context quotes to us. If one is going to quote Ellen White, then please choose from her statements which reproves sin and which lays upon those who are aware of it the responsibility of reproving, exposing, and removing it from among us.

And if you really want to get personal using a "rake" instead of a "pitchfork" when handling her bundles of statements then how about pulling them to yourselves instead of accusing us who are attempting to warn innocent victims (or victims to be). For example ... what about "criticism and condemnation of the brethren"..... and sisters..... who are standing on the Lord's side against continued evil?..... Will it not also be "counted as criticism and condemnation of Christ."

Dear Watchbird:

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Dear Awesometenor:

Thank you for those kind words.

JT

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 24 2006, 01:02 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Sep 24 2006, 10:45 AM)

But in that interpretation Judas was chosen just as the other 11 were, correct?

In His service,
Mr. J

Correct.

Posted by: justme Sep 24 2006, 01:12 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Sep 24 2006, 11:20 AM)

There is already a thread on this email... I'll find and post the link later...and what I said there, I will repeat here... If EGW were to see this it would make her sick... because her intent in all she said and did was not so people would ask "who is this Ellen White?" but rather that they ask "who is this Jesus?".

It is men who have put her on a pedestal and directed a spotlight on her and elevated her to semi-deity status in the years since she died... but were she alive her response to this would be that of the angel to John in Rev 19... " See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant..."She refused such

while she lived but she has been made the posthumous pope of Adventism, complete with ex cathedra infallibility... and there are some who would even deign to make her co-redemptrix, believing that believing EGW alone is enough to get one walking the golden streets of the New Jerusalem.

Another thing in this is her writings being seen as Talmudic in nature, since the Talmud is post exilic rabbinical interpretations of scripture and not scripture itself, it is at best problematic for those who view them as on a par with (if not de facto greater than) scripture...

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"awsometenor", let me apologize for duplicating this email. I try so hard to keep up, but I failed again. I will say that I agree with you that EGW should NOT be placed on a par with the Bible, and she told us so herself.

If she had seen this she would be pleased to know that, after so many years and years of rejecting Jesus and the entire New Testament, a Rabbi had heard the voice of the God of Israel THROUGH her pen. Because God spoke through her pen in a "form" that the Rabbi could relate to, he was able to see the God he was looking for.

This post has so little to do with EGW and so much to do with the way God was able to reach the Rabbi. God Himself is very much evident in this post. The God of Abraham and Isaac knew that someday such a Rabbi would need to see God this way that God prepared a message for him way in advance. God just happened to use EGW.

My mention of the "Vindication" of EGW is to show how far ahead of the need God had used her in a very unique way to reach just such an Rabbi.

It was truly amazing for that man who was a MASON of the MASONIC ORDER to see EGW give with her own hand the very secret sign known only to higher order MASONS. BUT such a story does not place her upon any kind of pedestal. Only certain individuals how have tendency toward being "Groupies" make heroes out of ordinary people.

Ellen would be happy to know that a Rabbi was able to see JESUS as Savior and Lord through something she wrote. It will serve us all well to remember that she never did "enjoy" writing the things she was given. It was very hard work, long and laborious.

Selected Messages are just that, selected messages. Selected not by EGW but by ... , well, people who believe that the gospel can be "Condensed and Encapsulated" for a quick meal. They are from her pen, but out of context, good messages if used properly.

You are correct in pointing out that she would turn over in her grave if she thought she were "elevated" in some way. She actually wondered st times if her pen would ever be read and understood and taken to heart. She was actually shown things like this story of the Rabbi who actually would come to see Jesus through her pen.

Oh, would that we each could see some "uplifting of Jesus through our own pens". So that maybe one heart would be touched and opened to Him. Sometimes it takes words placed in a certain "tone" or "meter" that means something.

It still amazes me how ineffective we are with the words we choose so carefully, but how effectively God can interpret them beyond our wildest comprehension. I don't know if EGW words, or style, or meter, were the key to the Rabbis' understanding or whether it was placed into his heart by the Holy Spirit to see what God had been trying to show him for years.

The great miracle of communication is a gift from God.

Thanks again for your point, and for posting it again from your previous post.

JMHO (which isn't worth much.)
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What you say above about EGW compilations is all too true, and goes directly against her express instructions as to how to use her writings. It is, however, unfortunate that you used "Selected Messages" as a label of these books, since the three books with this specific title was, in fact, a series that broke sharply with the tradition of *collecting sentences and paragraphs*, and instead not only selected whole "messages", but also at times gave a bit of context for them.

I fully agree, however, that the specific titles you gave (and a few others as well), certainly do deserve the "bit of acrimony" that you exhibit..... howbeit as awesumtenor noted, it should be directed at the compilers rather than at the author of the original statements. Fortunately, we are no longer limited to the compilations and indexes created by human preferences and prejudices, but we have everything available and searchable on-line. And eventually, we will have all the unpublished documents available in the same way..... plus it is my understanding that there will be contextual information about every person and situation which is addressed. So while there will doubtless still be those that misuse her writings, there will be less and less excuse to fall for the "lines" they throw out.

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I'm not exactly sure why you have capitalized "power". There is information and knowledge and

research methods that are available to us today that were not available in past centuries. And there the guidance of the Holy Spirit is still available to us today as it has been ever since Pentecost, so yes, I think we should be ever expanding our understanding of scripture as well as our doctrines, rather than tying so tightly to the past understandings that we are like a ship that has not cast off the tie-down lines from the dock.

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Well stated.

Posted by: seraph|m Sep 24 2006, 01:23 PM

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Um, what does Dr. B's credibility have to do with what watchbird stated?

Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 24 2006, 01:24 PM

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I'd sure like to agree with you, US. Have you ever taken legal action? It seems so easy, but when you are up against an institution which can afford a battery of defending lawyers, it takes more money than most of them have combined to take legal action. Besides that a legal action takes forever. I think it is called due process, but perhaps someone will correct me on this?

Certain top leaders I have spoken to fear repercussions. . . Some state that they are not able to do anything because 3ABN is a private institution and not under the church. Others claim they can do nothing because their pastoral pledge demands confidentiality, so they cannot reveal what they know about the case.

Fortunately help is well under way. At first we thought it was merely a matter of a few days, but it has taken just a few more, according to those involved. Pray for justice.

Posted by: simplysaved Sep 24 2006, 01:38 PM

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Posted by: Clay Sep 24 2006, 01:45 PM

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I sure do, PB. Thank you for sharing it with us.!

Posted by: västergötland Sep 24 2006, 01:53 PM

Not all pastors walk the path of education. Some get ordained after they for several years worked as pastors but without the education. They do the job well and it gets noticed and they are ordained. If the conference in Illinois feels that Danny has faithfully done pastoral work trough 3abn, it might be possible that he would be ordained on that merit. (Well, maybe not Danny...)

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 24 2006, 01:56 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Sep 24 2006, 12:45 PM)

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I don't know. What I do know is that if she had followed the advice - inspired or observed - I do believe my great grandmother could have lived much longer and there certainly wouldn't have been the spiritual division in the family. Of course, two family members would not have been born. The son lived his life as an eccentric hermit while the daughter married and had many children and grandchildren who are quite militant in their thoughts against the SDA church and EGW! (Understandable I guess since she wouldn't have been born if the counsel had been followed!)

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Posted by: AmeliaLD Sep 24 2006, 01:58 PM

QUOTE

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Amen

Judas was chosen.

QUOTE

John 6:70

70 Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" 71 (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

And Jesus knew ahead of that, that Judas would betray him

QUOTE

John 6:64

64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 24 2006, 03:18 PM

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Whew....folks is droppin' serious knowledge today.....

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 24 2006, 05:03 PM

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Is that human nature, or what! It is also done with the Bible. Acts 2:1 says:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

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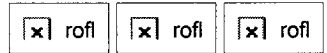
Context, context, context! That really is the key.

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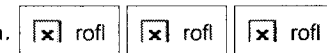


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Posted by: Denny Sep 25 2006, 08:59 AM

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Too true Mr J and hence we got or used to have the following Do nots that entered Adventist culture


- Do not have baths on Sabbath
- Do not intermarry racially

(There are probably more)

Posted by: lurker Sep 25 2006, 09:05 AM


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Posted by: simplysaved Sep 25 2006, 09:16 AM

I'm from Lake Region and am currently in South Central Conference...it is not an issue here either.... 

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
I hope we all shower every morning! 

The idea of Preparation Day--and being ready for the Sabbath is still valid scriptutrally, IMO. The issue is to how far in extremes you go with it...

Posted by: Denny Sep 25 2006, 09:27 AM

QUOTE(lurker @ Sep 25 2006, 04:05 PM)

This is the first time I have heard that you can't marry out of your race. In my SDA church in Michigan this isn't an issue. And I shower every Sabbath morning before heading for church. This sounds like something out of the 1930's.

the bath one was being practised up to the 1990's the other one well people don't need an excuse to reinforce existing prejudices 

Posted by: watchbird Sep 25 2006, 09:37 AM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Sep 24 2006, 03:18 PM)

But people do this very thing all the time; they take something EGW said that was a specific piece of counsel to a specific set of circumstances and they extrapolate a universal application that all are expected to abide by lest they be deemed rejecting the counsel of God through His prophet...

This is the inherent danger and flaw in using EGW's writings as if they are some kind of theological trump card, overriding and outweighing everything and anything else.

In His service,
Mr. J

QUOTE(Denny @ Sep 25 2006, 08:59 AM)

Too true Mr J and hence we got or used to have the following Do not's that entered Adventist culture

Do not have baths on Sabbath

Do not intermarry racially

(There are probably more)

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Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 25 2006, 10:19 AM

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One could argue that such a myopia is an inevitable result of the "we have the truth" mindset that is so prevalent among us... but that would be another topic for another time, n'est-ce pas?

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Posted by: justme Sep 25 2006, 10:20 AM

QUOTE(simplicysaved @ Sep 25 2006, 11:16 AM) □

I'm from Lake Region and am currently in South Central Conference...it is not an issue here either.... 

I hope we all shower every morning! 

The idea of Preparation Day--and being ready for the Sabbath is still valid scriptutrally, IMO. The issue is to how far in extremes you go with it...

Here is a little background on the "Preparsation Day" and the "Not Bathing On Sabbath" thing. My grandfather was little boy when his family were friends with James and Ellen White. James and Ellen used to bring wooden toys made in their woodworking shop (James used to make chairs)to my grandfather at Christmas time. Janes and Ellen loved to say "Thank you" to the Gospel Workers she knew at thea time.

We also learned that food preparation used to be much more involved than it is today. They had no freezera or microwave ovens so they had to gather from the garden, clean, cut, slice, dice, by hand to get food ready. She suggested that it would make Sabbath much more pleasant for all if these things were done on Friday. Cooking was done in a wood burning stove, a fire had to be built, and so on.

The same is true of BATHING. The big old tub was brought on from outside (usually) so bathing could be done more discretely. It was setin tyhe middle of the floor so many times furniture had to be moved out of the way. A fire was built out doors to heat the water. Another laborious chore. The hot water hauled in to the tub. No wonder they avoided the bath except at special times.

Now we have instant hot water, the shower or tub is always ready, the food can be kept overnight in refrigerators and microwaved int ime for Sabbath lunch.

She also counselled against riding bicycles at one time because it was such a fas that people spent family food and cl;othing money on bicycles just to be "in style on the boardwalk". Bicycles were very expensive (before Monarch and Schwinn, etc) and people were wasting a lot of time riding around in circles to be seen and admired. The problem was not the bicycle, it was the personal application of it's uses. missionaries love them in the jungles to travel from village to village.

No big deal. But some people has lost the context of the practicality of her messages.

Grtandfather has some wonderful times with her and James. He said they were quite funny and laughed a lot. Willie was a great source of family humor to the Whites. Ellen as a wonderful lady!

At one time I was "clubbed over the head" by some who misused her messages, until I learned to read her in context and pray for wisdom to understand what it meant to me.

I have healed ...!



Now she is helping to heal me. I have found wonderful counsel for healing my heart and body. Ans she was right, 120 years before science learned it, that cancer was cause by a "virus".

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Posted by: watchbird Sep 25 2006, 10:54 AM


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Welllllll..... this may be true for some, but I'd consider it a "last resort".... and if it turned out to be a "last resort" I'd kinda suspect that it wouldn't do any good anyhow. I've found it much more productive to give the other the benefit of the doubt and put the best construction on their use of the passage.... if possible.... and then go examine the context and show how that puts a different light on the way they have applied it. Hey ... it doesn't always work ... but it's a whale of a lot easier on the head than  

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Actually it is probably a part of this topic..... and part of the solution to taking Ellen in context and thus making her truly useful rather than a rusticated old tire iron not good for much other than head bashing  . For all too often, the idea that "we have the truth" goes hand in hand with the idea that all truth is to be found in Ellen's writings. When if we would go with open eyes to see how her advice stacks up against that given by other Christian thinkers, we would end up having a lot more respect for both her and the other Christian thinkers.... since so often they say essentially the same things about a large number of essential areas.

Take the two specific topics on which we recently had some Ellen White quotes given ... that of the moral character of persons allowed to occupy our pulpits, and the topic of glossalalia. On both of those issues Evangelical as well as traditional Christian writers have written a LOT of material which takes the same exact positions that Ellen has taken in the quotes we saw. If we but understood that, it would both make us a lot more secure in our own belief system and in Ellen's writings, and a lot less liable to the temptations to spiritual pride as evidenced by our clinging to our supposed "uniqueness" as evidence that "we have the truth".... with the implications both that we are the only ones who have any truth and that we have no truth to learn. Both of which, I know you agree, are equally wrongheaded.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 25 2006, 10:55 AM

Watchbird, thanks so much for the links!

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