



# ELLEN G WHY?!

## PART 2 · PRACTICAL CONTEXTS

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"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history" (Jan 29 1883, GC Daily Bulletin)

### MODUS OPERANDI

**P** **Sequence** "As the points of our faith were thus established, our feet were placed upon a solid foundation. We accepted the truth point by point, under demonstration of the Holy Spirit. I would be taken off in vision, and explanations would be given me. I was given illustrations of heavenly things, and of the sanctuary, so that we were placed where light was shining on us in clear, distinct rays." GW 302 | 3SM 32.1

**O** **Correction** "I have kept in all my journeys that should come before the people if essential, even if I did not write another line. I want that which is deemed worthy to appear, for **the Lord has given me** much light that I want the people to have; for there is instruction that **the Lord has given me** for his people. It is light that they should have, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. This is now to come before the people, because **it has been given** to correct specious errors and to specify what is truth. **The Lord has revealed many things** pointing out the truth, thus saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Letter 127, 1910 | 3SM 32.2

**E** **The Testimonies** "The Lord designs to warn you, to reprove, to counsel, through the testimonies given, and to impress your minds with importance of the truth of His word. 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." 5T 665

**Opposition** "It was shown me that my labors would meet with great opposition and that my heart would be rent with anguish, but that the grace of God would be sufficient to sustain me through all. The teaching of this vision troubled me exceedingly, for it pointed out my duty to go out among the people and present the truth." 5T 655

**The Frown** "I did not realize that I was unfaithful in thus questioning and doubting, and did not see the danger and sin of such a course, until in vision I was taken into the presence of Jesus. He looked upon me with a frown, and turned His face from me. It is not possible to describe the terror and agony I then felt. I fell upon my face before Him, but had no power to utter a word. Oh, how I longed to be covered and hid from that dreadful frown! Then could I realize, in some degree, what the feelings of the lost will be when they cry to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Rev. 6:16. LS 90.3

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### WORD PROCESSING

#### 1. READ THE BIBLE

**P** **R** **I** **N** **C** **I** **P** **L** **E** **S** **I** "In His word God has committed to men the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience. . . . The Spirit was not given - nor can it ever be bestowed - to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested." GC vii

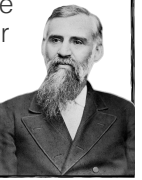
**I** "The Bible is a perfect and complete revelation. It is our only rule of faith and practice. But this is no reason why God may not show the past, present, and future fulfillment of His word in these last days by dreams and visions, according to Peter's testimony. Sure visions are given to lead us to God, and His written Word."

James White, *A Word to the Little Flock*, 13, 1846

**I** "The central theme of the Bible, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the redemption plan, the restoration in the human soul of the image of God." Ed 125

"Brothers and sisters, I commend unto you this book." EGW, 1909 General Conference

"The majority of our people believe these visions to be a genuine manifestation of spiritual gifts, and as such to be entitled to respect. We do not hold them to be superior to the Bible, or in one sense equal to it. The Scriptures are our rule to test everything by, the visions as well as all other things. That rule, therefore, is of the highest authority; the standard is higher than the thing tested by it. If the Bible should show the visions were not in harmony with it, the Bible would stand and the visions would be given up. This shows plainly that we hold the Bible the highest, our enemies to the contrary, notwithstanding." George Butler, RH Suppl., Aug. 14, 1883, p. 12



<https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=7925>

## 2. CORE > COMPILATIONS

Letter 208, 1906 ↩

✉ "Those who are not walking in the light of the message, may gather up statements from my writings that happen to please them, and that agree with their human judgment, and, by separating these statements from their connection and placing them beside human reasonings, make it appear that my writings uphold that which they condemn."

## 3. CONTEXT: DESCRIPTIVE VS PRESCRIPTIVE

Resources (not an endorsement) <https://whiteestate.org>

🛁 **Baths . . . on Sabbath?!** 🔪 🍷 🔥 6T 355-56 🗓️ → Friday: Preparation Day! 📅 ⌚ 🌅

🚲 **Bicycles** "There seemed to be a bicycle craze. Money was spent to gratify an enthusiasm in this direction that might better, far better, have been invested in building houses of worship where they are greatly needed. ... This is a species of idolatry. ... While hundreds are starving for bread ... Missionary work has been hindered." → 8T 50-51 📄

💊 **Quinine?** "Would I have sinned to give the boy quinine when I knew of no other way to check malaria and when the prospect was that he would die without it?" In reply she said, 'No, we are expected to do the best we can.'"

W. C. White letter, September 10, 1935. *Counsels on Health*, 261 - 1890

🙏 **Prayer** "Always kneel for prayer." 2SM 311-316 ↔ Letter 258, 1903: I prayed "for hours while lying in my bed."

"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." MH 510, 511; 2SM 316.4

😞 **4. PROPHETS ARE HUMAN: 37 hospital beds, or 39?**

😞 **5. FAKE NEWS:** Did she really say it?! "xyz", RH June 14, 1895, p. 14 James White? Uriah Smith? 🚫?!

🤖 **6. ROBOT** "Letters have come to me presenting before me the case of Sister Phillips, and inquiries have been made to me what I thought of the matter. I have not felt called out to encourage or condemn so long as I had no special light in reference other this case . . . I decided to let the matter develop." Letter 54, 1893

😞 **7. DOWN TO EARTH.** "I wish that self should be hid in Jesus. I wish self to be crucified. I do not claim infallibility, or even perfection of Christian character. I am not free from mistakes and errors in my life. Had I followed my Saviour more closely, I should not have to mourn so much my unlikeness to His dear image." Letter 27, 1876

😞 **8. VICTORIAN?!** "Bourdeau, ordained at age 23, looked for a wife for three years. In 1861 he was married to Marion Saxby in Bakersfield, Vt., with James White officiating in a private home. James was 40 and Ellen was 33, still a young woman. Because the service was late in the day, the newlyweds accepted the invitation of their host to spend the night in his home. The Whites also stayed as house guests. When Ellen White went upstairs to retire, she saw a very nervous young man pacing back and forth in front of a closed bedroom door. She suspected a problem. Gently she said to the young bridegroom (as the bride later quoted her husband's recital of the incident): "Daniel, inside that room is a frightened young woman in bed petrified with fear. Now you go in to her right now, and you love her, and you comfort her. And, Daniel, you treat her gently, and you treat her tenderly, and you treat her lovingly. It will do her good." Then she added, "Daniel, it will do you good, too!"

From Herbert Douglass, *Messenger of the Lord*, 106-7.



## 9. THE RACE QUESTION

- Christ broke down caste (DA 402-403; COL 386)
- Caste hateful to God (PK 369; DA 403; GW 332)
- Colored laborers: Now! (9T 199-203)
- Be kind to Colored laborers (9T 223-4)
- Missions to be established (8T 137)
- Urgent opportunity for medical missionary work (8T 205)
- Capabilities of Blacks (7T 228-30)

## 10. The Cummins & Dudley Study - 4/1982

Criteria	EGW Readers	non-EGW Readers
Relationship with Christ	85%	59%
Bible Study with non-SDAs	75%	26%
Witnessing	73%	49%
Family Worship	77%	42%
Bible Reading	82%	47%



### The Remnant Study Bible . . .

SDA: "I wished there were less quotes!"  
nonSDA: "I wished there more quotes!"



Chiastic Framework: "God is Love" (PP 33 ↔ GC 678)