

Chapter 1 : Adventist Perspective: Reviewing the Adventist Review

President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Ted N.C. Wilson, calls for prayer ahead of the Annual Council. Oct 10, Below is a transcript of a video Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, recorded calling for prayer ahead of the Annual Council Meetings in Battle Creek.

Theological spectrum[edit] A theological spectrum exists within Adventism, with several different theological streams existing alongside the mainstream. The conservative "historic" movement holds to certain traditional positions that have been challenged since the s. The Adventist Theological Society describes its beliefs as "balanced and conservative Adventist theology", [25] whereas the Adventist Society for Religious Studies is more progressive by comparison. Jon Paulien has identified four brands of Adventism â€” evangelists and frontier missionaries whose beliefs are traditional yet creatively expressed, scholars concerned with an accurate understanding of the Bible, the typical church member including most of the younger, postmodern generation who is most concerned with what is relevant to ordinary life and not concerned with most doctrines, and those in the Third World who are similarly concerned for a minimal belief set and passionate about their faith. In *Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine*, four authors outlined the core doctrines that they share with Protestant Christianity. That God is the Sovereign Creator, upholder, and ruler of the universe, and that He is eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. That the Scriptures are the inspired revelation of God to men; and that the Bible is the sole rule of faith and practice. That the Holy Spirit is a personal being, sharing the attributes of deity with the Father and the Son. That Christ, the Word of God, became incarnate through the miraculous conception and the virgin birth; and that He lived an absolutely sinless life here on earth. That the vicarious, atoning death of Jesus Christ, once for all, is all-sufficient for the redemption of a lost race. That Jesus Christ arose literally and bodily from the grave. That He ascended literally and bodily into heaven. That He now serves as our advocate in priestly ministry and mediation before the Father. That He will return in a premillennial, personal, imminent second advent. That man was created sinless, but by his subsequent fall entered a state of alienation and depravity. That salvation through Christ is by grace alone, through faith in His blood. That entrance upon the new life in Christ is by regeneration, or the new birth. That man is justified by faith. That man is sanctified by the indwelling Christ through the Holy Spirit. That man will be glorified at the resurrection or translation of the saints, when the Lord returns. That there will be a judgment of all men. That the gospel is to be preached as a witness to all the world. Different Protestant groups hold varying views on the millennium. Distinctive doctrines[edit] Seventh-day Adventists have often focused on those doctrines which are distinctive to Adventism. This was particularly true in the early days of the movement, when it was assumed that most people the church witnessed to were already Christian to begin with, and that they already understood the gospel. While the ceremonial and sacrificial laws of the Old Testament were fulfilled by the death of Jesus Christ, the 10 commandments are held to remain in force for Christian believers. The words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 5: I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Sabbath in Seventh-day Adventism Seventh-day Adventists believe that the seventh day of the week, Saturday, is the biblical Sabbath which God set "apart for the lofty purpose of enriching the divine-human relationship". The Sabbath serves as a weekly memorial to Creation and is a symbol of redemption, from both Egypt and sin. By keeping the Sabbath, Adventists are reminded of the way that God can make them holy, like he did the Sabbath, and they show their loyalty to God by keeping the commandment in the Decalogue. The Sabbath is also a time for Adventists to spend with other people and with God. It should be noted, however, that although Seventh-day Adventists do not believe that they are saved by keeping Saturday as the Sabbath, they attach considerably greater significance to Saturday-Sabbath

keeping than other denominations attach to worship on Sunday. Adventists do not see the Sabbath as a works-based doctrine, but rather righteousness comes solely through faith in Christ alone. They believe that the Sabbath is a whole day dedicated for worship and fellowship with believers, laying aside non-religious projects and labor. They teach instead that it was changed by gradual acceptance of Sunday worship gatherings which came into the early church in Rome to distinguish Christians from the Jews and to align Christianity with political authorities. The Great Controversy[edit] Seventh-day Adventists believe that prior to the beginning of human history, a challenge occurred in heaven between God and Lucifer Satan over "the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe" Fundamental Belief no. Lucifer was subsequently cast out of heaven, and, acting through the serpent in the Garden of Eden , led Adam and Eve into sin. White, particularly chapter 29, The Origin of Evil is shows how this dispute originated. Heavenly Sanctuary and Pre-Advent Judgment[edit] The Heavenly Sanctuary[edit] The Seventh-day Adventist church teaches that there is a sanctuary in heaven which was foreshadowed by the Mosaic tabernacle , according to their interpretation of the Epistle to the Hebrews chapters 8 and 9. After his death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary as the great High Priest, "making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice" Fundamental Belief no. Adventists hold that Christ ministered his blood in the first section of the sanctuary the holy place until October ; after that time he entered the second section of the sanctuary the Most Holy Place, or Holy of Holies in fulfillment of the Day of Atonement. Yet, the atonement involves more than just sacrifice. It is the winning of men back to a love relationship with God that is not yet completed. Adventists find the investigative judgment portrayed in texts such as Daniel 7: This judgment will also separate true believers from those who falsely claim to be ones. See Glacier View controversy. The Remnant church "announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent" Fundamental Belief no. At baptism, Adventists may be asked the following question: In an alternative set of baptismal vows was created, which does not contain a reference to the Adventist church as the remnant. Candidates may now choose whether to take the original vow or the new one. Adventists believe that the unrighteous, or wicked, will be raised after the millennium. The time of trouble will be ended by the glorious appearing of Christ, which will also mark the commencement of the millennium. Adventists reject dispensationalist theology and the pretribulation rapture , believing that the church will remain on earth throughout the end-time crisis. A further difference is that the millennial reign of Christ will take place in heaven, not on earth, and will involve all of the redeemed people of God, not just national Israel [46] See Fundamental Beliefs, no. Seventh-day Adventism interprets the book of Revelation using the historicist method, but also holds that some of the events it predicts are still future see: Hell and the state of the dead[edit] See also: They base this belief on biblical texts such as Ecclesiastes 9: These verses, it is argued, indicate that death is only a period or form of slumber. They reject the traditional doctrine of hell as a state of everlasting conscious torment, believing instead that the wicked will be permanently destroyed after the millennium. The theological term for this teaching is Annihilationism. The Adventist views about death and hell reflect an underlying belief in: Adventist education hence strives to be holistic in nature, involving not just the mind but all aspects of a person. Inspiration of Ellen White and Spirit of Prophecy Adventist The church believes the spiritual gift of prophecy was manifested in the ministry of Ellen White, whose writings are sometimes referred to as the "Spirit of Prophecy". They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. The June document A Statement of Confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy states that White "did the work of a prophet, and more", and that her writings "carry divine authority, both for godly living and for doctrine"; and recommended that "as a church we seek the power of the Holy Spirit to apply to our lives more fully the inspired counsel contained in the writings of Ellen G White. There has been an increasing tendency in the church to view White in more human terms, although still inspired. Whatever the prominence assigned to her writings for doctrinal authority, Adventists are agreed that the Bible takes precedence as the final authority. In fact, when viewed in the light of the real Adventist claim, this accusation will be seen as wide of the mark. They viewed God the Father as God in every way, the Son as divine but begotten and having a beginning, and the Holy Spirit reduced to merely a manifestation of either the Father or the Son. This came to a head in the important Conference with the

preaching of A. Waggoner who brought a focus of the biblical doctrine of the Godhead in part because of the emphasis on Jesus, and how the law and righteousness by faith come together. But when we consider that he sank his nature in our human nature to all eternity—that is a sacrifice. However, in *Desire of Ages* she made the shocking, to some, statement, "In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived," which brought about the development on the view of the Godhead. Jones wrote of the Godhead in a Trinitarian way: Jesus Christ is one. The Holy Spirit is one. And these three are one: The Declaration of the Fundamental Principles taught and practiced by the Seventh-day Adventists [2] mentioned Father, Son and Holy Spirit but did not contain an explicit affirmation of the Trinity: That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the word of redemption. The official Adventist fundamental beliefs, adopted in , include the following as statement number 2, "Trinity": Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons. This has led to some debate among critics about whether the current Adventist view of the Trinity is orthodox, or if Adventist views are tantamount to the heresy of Tritheism. White] taught that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three distinct individuals, which is not true of the medieval doctrine of the Trinity. So, we probably would have been branded as Arian by the orthodox. But, in reality, we have been faithful to their commitment, and I know of nothing that they were objecting to, in objecting to Trinitarianism, that we have not also objected to. While God has been declared to be one God Deut. What the notion of a triune group God seems to suggest is that the three members of the Godhead become joined in their relationship with each other, on the basis of their common purpose, values and interests. However, there remain small factions and individuals within the church who continue to argue that the authentic, historical Adventist position is semi-Arian. According to Adventist theology, Michael was considered the "eternal Word", and not a created being or created angel, and the one by whom all things were created. The Word was then born incarnate as Jesus. They believe that name "Michael" signifies "one who is God" and that as the "Archangel" or "chief or head of the angels" he led the angels and thus the statement in Revelation According to Adventists, such a view does not in any way conflict with the belief in his full deity and eternal preexistence, nor does it in the least disparage his person and work. There was a perception that Adventists were relegating Jesus to something less than divine or less than God but that is not valid since Seventh-day Adventism theology teaches and is expressly Trinitarian. Some held an impersonal view of the Spirit, as emanating from God, or only a "power" or "influence". However the main emphasis at this time was on Adventist distinctives, not on topics such as the Holy Spirit.

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world news and perspectives The ASI convention in Orlando, Florida, was a success. people showed up for the Sabbath service, and members pledged million dollars for missions. Speakers included Mark Finley and Ted and Nancy Wilson.

It began with a historical overview of Adventist women in pastoral ministry by Dr. The entire presentation is here, and is well worth watching. She noted that we Adventists are ignorant of our own history of women in pastoral ministry. Dozens of women held ministerial licenses since at least , she said. Furthermore, in the General Conference these two resolutions were recorded: White may not have had human hands laid upon her, but year after year hands were raised to vote for her Ordained Minister credentials. In White wrote approvingly of women having hands of ordination laid upon them, at least as deaconesses. Until , women and men received the same training for ministry and the same license. Women began to receive the missionary license instead of the ministerial license. Surprisingly, the changes came about due to Internal Revenue Service regulations requiring that all ministers, ordained or not, be in the same roles in order to receive parsonage exclusion and other tax benefits“otherwise the church would itself have to cover the difference at great expense. After initial resistance to this change, then NAD-president Neal Wilson pushed it through“against the counsel of the General Conference. Diversity of function was created and taxes were resolved for male pastors at the expense of female pastors. At this point the focus shifted to ordination of women as elders and deaconesses, which was approved. And then the focus shifted again, this time to women pastors. In the commissioned pastor credential was created for the role of women in ministry“outside of the ordination track available to men. Help us celebrate 25 years of Adventist Today! Since then several union conferences in the United States and elsewhere have voted either to ordain women equally, or to recognize all their pastors by commissioning or other equivalent credential. The divisions reported their conclusions: Initially, TOSC was promoted as consisting of an intentionally international representation. This may have been the justification for not reporting its conclusions to the General Conference Session. Some have understood the vote as forbidding unions from deciding matters of ordination, as is their usual role. Now the Annual Council looms, in which a unity process defining disciplinary actions will return, after being rejected last year. Haloviak praised the independent press as it helps members to stay engaged with a church that needs to keep wrestling with important issues. They encountered challenges of non-acceptance, but found surprising encouragement from others. Do we, she wondered, understand them and their ministry in their cultural context and language? Garner-Assis said that while acceptance is improving in some places in Brazil, the church there still greatly values submission to authority. She wonders how this unreceptivity to women pastors limits the calling of the Holy Spirit. Hausted has found that in Puerto Rico acceptance to her ministry depends on the area. Acceptance is more complicated than mere generational differences, though: She also works as an editorial associate for Adventist Today.

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Carmelle Bussey, a Southern Adventist University graduate, discusses her time spent as a counselor at a National Camp for the Blind at the Port Carling, Ontario, Canada. COMMENT Roy, I know the feeling you describe in BEATEN DOWN BY THE CULTURE.

The experiencing of Adventist historical sites offers more than satisfaction of intellectual curiosity. The significance of these sites is evident in the way formative figures of the church considered them during their lifetime. For example, in her last visit to Portland, Maine, Ellen G. White demonstrated an enthusiastic interest in sites associated with her childhood home. White, along with historian Arthur W. Spalding, continued to demonstrate an interest in Adventist sites by making a concerted effort to locate and photograph them. This eventually led Spalding to publish a helpful guide for all who would later visit Adventist historical sites, *Footprints of the Pioneers*. Students, pastors, and lay people alike have joined a variety of tour groups trekking across the Northeastern region of the United States. In this context, the potential to engage the Adventist historical site as spiritually transformative, rather than merely intellectually edifying, is enormous. Leading the charge was Augustinian friar Martin Luther. You will not find God there; you will find the devil. For God will not let Himself be found in a place of our own choice and choosing. As a practice that belongs to the whole church, disciples of Jesus across the spectrum of Christianity are reclaiming this ancient biblical discipline as 21st-century pilgrims. This is exemplified by one of the most prolific New Testament scholars today, N. Wright, who has taken up the subject of pilgrimage and applied his own stamp of approval. This ebb and flow of pilgrimage throughout history as a viable practice of the faithful is revealing. What accounts for the range of responses? Scholars observe a tension in Scripture between the significance of place versus person. The impetus for pilgrimage today is quite different from that of medieval times. Pilgrimage does not save us. Rather, it is a grace that reminds us that salvation is a journey with Christ as our guide and heaven our goal. Thus, the current interest in pilgrimage is, in part, a direct reaction against the devastating effects of dualism that have been so pervasive in Western Christian theology. Thus, assuming the viability of Christian pilgrimage, how does one practice it? Based on the work of French anthropologist Arnold van Gennep and his study of the rituals and rites of passage from childhood to adulthood, three general phases of pilgrimage emerge: The next stage, transition, is about moving from ordinary time to sacred time. It is about letting go of the structures to which one has become accustomed and learning to inhabit a new kind of rhythm. Consequently, this may be the most unsettling aspect of pilgrimage because it knocks one off balance. But the experience of disequilibrium is often necessary to enter into the heart of pilgrimage and its final stage—incorporation, or how one re-enters ordinary life. Visiting the Church at Washington, New Hampshire

The little white church with two separate front doors, located two miles west of rural Washington, New Hampshire, measures only 30 feet wide by 40 feet long. Despite its diminutive size and reclusive location, the hundreds if not thousands of Adventists who visit this church each year easily outweigh its obscurity. These factors occasioned the first comparison of an Adventist church to that of lukewarm Laodicea by James White, resulting in the two major revivals of and Historian Mark Ford writes: All that is good and right and inspiring about Adventism can be found in its history. But that was then, and this is now. What follows is a description of my personal experience. In addition to acquainting myself with the Washington Adventist Church narrative, town history, and surrounding geography, my primary means of preparation was prayer. My preparation also included reading sundry material such as an essay by Wendell Berry, in which he detailed the difficulty of transitioning from interstate highways to his beloved remote woods. Despite my best efforts, I battled my own anxieties and numerous pressures along the way. After a delayed start, I worried I would arrive late for my meeting with Ken Brummell, a pastor and the site director of the Washington, New Hampshire, Seventh-day Adventist church. This threatened to set the tone and pace as I hurried through tollbooths, past factory smokestacks, colleges, and ski resorts. Furthermore, Pastor Brummell and the unexpected accompaniment of his wife threatened my independent spirit. I had envisioned going on this pilgrimage alone; now I was one of three. A recent polar vortex had submerged the Northeast under several feet of snow, complicating our

approach. According to the Brummells, the church had not been opened since the previous October, so they were eager to learn of its condition. Once inside, I reflectively situated myself in the historic Farnsworth pew, sitting at length in the stillness. As the day grew old, I proceeded to strap on the snowshoes and trudge around the property. I bypassed the recently constructed Sabbath Trail and eventually ended up in the adjacent burial ground. These would be my last moments before journeying home. As my brief foray into the world of pilgrimage was concluding, I felt a nagging disappointment that nothing had happened—no personal revelation or moment of insight. I was left with only the evocative silence of a lonely cemetery. But as I persisted, I was confronted with one of the stories I had encountered during my preparation. In the most unlikely of places and through the most unlikely of people, there lay metaphorical meaning in the life of a teenage girl and her mother. From Historical Site to Theological Reflection For many, there is a sense of adventure when visiting Adventist historical sites. But moving past this transient experience, the void needing to be filled is how to derive the most from such an encounter. In what way can pilgrimage be transformative? How can a brush with the past intersect with life in the present? Pattison relates how the starting point of theological reflection does not matter; the important thing is finding a way into the conversation. For me, that meant questioning my assumptions. Every aspect of my pilgrimage was intentional, actively resisting any personal agenda and remaining open to receive whatever God wanted to communicate. Yet, as much as I tried to hold in tension my desire to wait on God, very little happened. My pilgrimage was really quite ordinary, tainted with some frustration. Perhaps Luther was right, I thought: God is not to be found in a place of our own choosing. I struggled with the separation and transition stages of pilgrimage—leaning into the unfamiliar and unanticipated to inhabit a new rhythm of life—even if only for one winter day. In the end, I realized that any attempt to approach pilgrimage as a *tabula rasa* is impossible. When on pilgrimage, expect the unexpected, and embrace fellow pilgrims along the way. When it comes to pilgrimage, I had to learn that the focus is not so much on the site destination as it is on incorporating everything that happens along the way as substance for reflection. The truth is, if it were not for my fellow pilgrims, I would not have had the snowshoes needed to traverse the property, especially the cemetery. It was there, in the final moments of my pilgrimage, that I came to terms with my difficulty in separating and transitioning. Most accounts of the Washington Adventist church, as it relates to the Sabbath, speak of the pivotal role of Rachel Oakes Preston, a Seventh Day Baptist who introduced her Sabbath-keeping ways to Frederick Wheeler and the early Advent believers. Any mention of her only daughter Rachel Delight, whom she delivered at the age of 16, is usually only in passing. Of all the people involved in this congregation over the years, she was the one who shone like a beacon of light on this particular day. We know little about her life other than the fact that as a teenager, she accepted a teaching position at Washington, New Hampshire, and her mother, then a widow, joined her. In moving to Washington, I doubt they set out to change history. Rather, these seemingly insignificant Christian women were simply trying to survive while remaining faithful followers of Jesus as Lord of the Sabbath. Yet, their pilgrimage of faith, which also included separating and transitioning from the known of upstate New York to the unknown of New England, converged with those at the little Washington Adventist church and led to the incorporation of the seventh-day Sabbath as a communal practice. As I continued to scroll through the familiar narratives in my mind, I realized the story of Rachel and Delight Oakes provided some insight into how the Holy Spirit worked with such power in this place. Similarly, both distinct revivals experienced by those early Washington Adventist church believers grew from a realigning of what they believed with how they lived. Integrating these narratives, I reflected once more on the theology of Christian pilgrimage as a practice of following Christ wherever He may lead, despite anxieties, frustrations, and disappointments along the way. Conclusion To some extent, we all have emotional attachment to particular places, such as a mountainous terrain, a tropical beach, or the cityscape of a large urban area. But for that to happen the story of the Adventist site has to somehow intersect with our own lives—our stories. Stories are important because they are how humans throughout history and across cultures have communicated important truths and constructed meaning. The prevalence of narratives in the Bible serves as a case in point. This is where the work of Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, is particularly helpful to this response to place. In addressing the hermeneutical problem and promise of the Old Testament land motif, Brueggemann writes: In each case scholars have often

regarded the latter as particularly Hebrew. It is implicit in the foregoing argument that such antitheses or at least polarities misrepresent the data. In the Old Testament there is not timeless space, but there also is no spaceless time. There is rather storied place, that is, a place that has meaning because of the history lodged there. This is neither a timeless place nor a spaceless time; it is a storied place, for Yahweh is Lord of places as well as times. We must move beyond a mere historical site to reflect on the pilgrimage experience of visiting this storied place. To be sure, educators engage Adventist sites as storied places, even incorporating opportunities for worship during Adventist heritage tours. Doubtless there are numerous journal memoranda of heritage tour participants, like Suzanne Ocsai, who wrote glowingly of her experience in the following Southern Adventist University freshman blog entry on none other than October All the stories we were told came alive in the chapel. Especially when we were singing some of the old Advent hymns. Generally absent from the itinerary of historical site tours, extant within Seventh-day Adventist university courses on Adventist history, are the theological processes and resources needed to facilitate such transformations. Review and Herald, , 6: Spalding, Footprints of the Pioneers Washington, D. David Tracy, Blessed Rage for Order:

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The Adventist Forum 50th Anniversary's Second Plenary Session happened in Sabbath School at the La Sierra University Church. It began with a historical overview of Adventist women in pastoral ministry by Dr. Kendra Haloviak Valentine, LSU Professor of New Testament Studies. The entire presentation.

William Miller predicted on the basis of Daniel 8: In the summer of 1830, Millerites came to believe that Jesus would return on October 22, 1830, understood to be the biblical Day of Atonement for that year. These Adventists came to the conviction that Daniel 8: The foremost proponent of Sabbath -keeping among early Adventists was Joseph Bates. Bates was introduced to the Sabbath doctrine through a tract written by Millerite preacher Thomas M. This message was gradually accepted and formed the topic of the first edition of the church publication *The Present Truth* now the *Adventist Review*, which appeared in July 1831. They embraced the doctrines of the Sabbath, the heavenly sanctuary interpretation of Daniel 8: Ellen White came to occupy a particularly central role; her many visions and spiritual leadership convinced her fellow Adventists that she possessed the gift of prophecy. The church was formally established in Battle Creek, Michigan, on May 21, 1845, with a membership of 3, Rapid growth continued, with 75, members in 1846. By this time the denomination operated two colleges, a medical school, a dozen academies, 27 hospitals, and 13 publishing houses. White was not one of them. The Adventist Church adopted Trinitarian theology early in the 20th century and began to dialogue with other Protestant groups toward the middle of the century, eventually gaining wide recognition as a Protestant church. Christianity Today recognized the Seventh-day Adventist church as " the fifth-largest Christian communion worldwide" in its January 22, 1960, issue. Seventh-day Adventist theology The official teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination are expressed in its 28 Fundamental Beliefs. This statement of beliefs was originally adopted by the General Conference in 1888, with an additional belief number 11 being added in 1980. Adventist doctrine resembles trinitarian Protestant theology, with premillennial and Arminian emphases. Adventists uphold teachings such as the infallibility of Scripture, the substitutionary atonement, the resurrection of the dead and justification by faith alone, and are therefore often considered evangelical. Sabbath fundamental belief Second Coming and End times fundamental beliefs 25â€” Jesus Christ will return visibly to earth after a "time of trouble", during which the Sabbath will become a worldwide test. The Second Coming will be followed by a millennial reign of the saints in heaven. Adventist eschatology is based on the historicist method of prophetic interpretation. Holistic human nature fundamental beliefs 7, Humans are an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit. They do not possess an immortal soul and there is no consciousness after death commonly referred to as " soul sleep ". Christian anthropology Conditional immortality fundamental belief The wicked will not suffer eternal torment in hell, but instead will be permanently destroyed. Conditional immortality, Annihilationism Great Controversy fundamental belief 8: Humanity is involved in a " great controversy " between Jesus Christ and Satan. This is an elaboration on the common Christian belief that evil began in heaven when an angelic being Lucifer rebelled against the Law of God. Heavenly sanctuary fundamental belief At his ascension, Jesus Christ commenced an atoning ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. In 1844, he began to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary in fulfillment of the Day of Atonement. Investigative Judgment fundamental belief A judgment of professed Christians began in 1844, in which the books of record are examined for all the universe to see. The investigative judgment will affirm who will receive salvation, and vindicate God in the eyes of the universe as just in his dealings with mankind. Remnant fundamental belief There will be an end-time remnant who keep the commandments of God and have "the testimony of Jesus". Spirit of Prophecy fundamental belief The ministry of Ellen G. White is commonly referred to as the " Spirit of Prophecy " and her writings are considered "a continuing and authoritative source of truth", [29] though ultimately subject to the Bible. Inspiration of Ellen White. Theological spectrum[edit] As with any religious movement, a theological spectrum exists within Adventism comparable to the fundamentalist -moderate- liberal spectrum in the wider Christian church and in other religions. A variety of groups, movements or subcultures within the church present differing views on beliefs and lifestyle. The conservative end of the theological spectrum is represented by historic Adventists, who are characterized by

their opposition to theological trends within the denomination, beginning in the s. The most liberal elements in the church are typically known as progressive Adventists progressive Adventists generally do not identify with liberal Christianity. They tend to disagree with the traditional views concerning the inspiration of Ellen White , the Sabbath , a seven-day Creation , the doctrine of the remnant and the investigative judgment. Theological organizations[edit] The Biblical Research Institute is the official theological research center of the church. The church has two professional organizations for Adventist theologians who are affiliated with the denomination. During the s the Adventist Theological Society was formed to provide a forum for more conservative theologians to meet and is held in conjunction with the Evangelical Theological Society. Sabbath in Seventh-day Adventism Part of Friday might be spent in preparation for the Sabbath; for example, preparing meals and tidying homes. Adventists may gather for Friday evening worship to welcome in the Sabbath, a practice often known as Vespers. They will also usually refrain from purely secular forms of recreation, such as competitive sport and watching non-religious programs on television. However, nature walks, family-oriented activities, charitable work and other activities that are compassionate in nature are encouraged. Saturday afternoon activities vary widely depending on the cultural, ethnic and social background. In some churches, members and visitors will participate in a fellowship or " potluck " lunch and AYS Adventist Youth Service. Seventh-day Adventist worship The major weekly worship service occurs on Saturday, typically commencing with Sabbath School which is a structured time of small-group study at church. Adventists make use of an officially produced "Sabbath School Lesson", which deals with a particular biblical text or doctrine every quarter. After a brief break, the community joins together again for a church service that follows a typical evangelical format, with a sermon as a central feature. Corporate singing, Scripture readings, prayers and an offering, including tithing or money collection , are other standard features. The instruments and forms of worship music vary greatly throughout the worldwide church. Worship is known to be generally restrained. Holy Communion[edit] Adventist churches usually practice communion four times a year. It commences with a foot washing ceremony, known as the "Ordinance of Humility", based on the Gospel account of John Participants segregate by gender to separate rooms to conduct this ritual, although some congregations allow married couples to perform the ordinance on each other and families are often encouraged to participate together. The church discourages its members from consuming alcoholic beverages , tobacco or illegal drugs compare Christianity and alcohol. In addition, some Adventists avoid coffee , tea , cola , and other beverages containing caffeine. Sanitarium products for sale The pioneers of the Adventist Church had much to do with the common acceptance of breakfast cereals into the Western diet, and the "modern commercial concept of cereal food" originated among Adventists. In both Australia and New Zealand , the church-owned Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company is a leading manufacturer of health and vegetarian-related products, most prominently Weet-Bix. Research funded by the U. National Institutes of Health has shown that the average Adventist in California lives 4 to 10 years longer than the average Californian. The research , as cited by the cover story of the November issue of National Geographic , asserts that Adventists live longer because they do not smoke or drink alcohol, have a day of rest every week, and maintain a healthy, low-fat vegetarian diet that is rich in nuts and beans. He cites the Adventist emphasis on health, diet, and Sabbath-keeping as primary factors for Adventist longevity. The first task for the scientists was to find people willing to be infected by pathogens that could make them very sick. They found them in the followers of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Although willing to serve their country when drafted, the Adventists refused to bear arms. As a result many of them became medics. When contacted in late , the Adventist hierarchy readily agreed to this plan. For Camp Detrick scientists, church members were a model test population, since most of them were in excellent health and they neither drank, smoked, nor used caffeine. From the perspective of the volunteers, the tests gave them a way to fulfill their patriotic duty while remaining true to their beliefs. The Church Manual refers to the origination of the marriage institution in Eden and points to the union between Adam and Eve as the pattern for all future marriages. They hold that God celebrated the first marriage and the institution has as its origin the Creator of the universe and was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is "one of the two institutions that, after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. Adventists do not perform same-sex marriages , and individuals who are openly homosexual

cannot be ordained, but may hold church office and membership if not "practicing". Current church policy states that openly homosexual and "practicing" persons are to be welcomed into the church services and treated with the love and kindness afforded any human being. The church disagrees with extra-marital cohabitation. For the Spirit to recreate in us the character of our Lord we involve ourselves only in those things which will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives. This means that our amusement and entertainment should meet the highest standards of Christian taste and beauty. While recognizing cultural differences, our dress is to be simple, modest, and neat, befitting those whose true beauty does not consist of outward adornment but in the imperishable ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit. Some also oppose the displaying of wedding bands, although banning wedding bands is not the position of the General Conference. Nix , "Growing Up Adventist: The Adventist church officially opposes the practice of gambling. Pathfinders is a club for 5th to 10th grade up to 12th in Florida Conference boys and girls. It is similar to and based partly on the Scouting movement. Pathfinders exposes young people to such activities as camping, community service, personal mentorship, and skills-based education, and trains them for leadership in the church. After a person enters 9th grade, he or she is eligible to join Teen Leadership Training within Pathfinders. In the 11th grade, typically after being a member of a club, they can become a Pathfinder or Adventurer staff member and begin the "Master Guide" program similar to Scout Master which develops leaders for both Adventurers and Pathfinders. Each camp varies in the activities they offer but most have archery, swimming, horses, arts and crafts, nature, high ropes challenge course, and many other common camp activities. Structure and polity[edit] Main article:

Chapter 5 : Perspective Digest : Home

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Dowel Chow is now president of Adventist World Radio. This study suggests that the Adventist emphasis on tertiary educational is counterproductive when considered in relationship to overall membership growth. To read the full survey and all responses, click here click to enlarge Leo R. As Jesus pointed out, there are no maximums. The more Christlike we become, the greater the challenge that looms ahead. There always is room to become more Christlike. But it is impossible for us to accomplish it on our own. That is what Jesus was trying to impress on the minds of those who felt that the highest ideal was to be like the Pharisees. In this installment from his life and times, he and God take credit for the success of the Russian newspaper he works for. Two quotes from this cover feature are memorable. White are overshadowed by this creepy illustration. These words separate two opposing positions and point up the tension between those positions. Most important, these words confirm that good will overcome evil. This has made a positive impact on the families, the churches, and the neighborhoods. More than 3, completed the course; accepted Jesus as their Savior; and 26 new Adventist congregations were organized. Although being able to read and write is something most of us take for granted, for the women in the literacy program, it dramatically changes not only their own lives but also the lives of their families. Learn more at [www. Handysides.com](http://www.Handysides.com) and Peter N. Until we find the cause and mechanism, we do well to live in a way that promotes all-round health. It should be more than acquaintance or even friendship. God even says it Himself, often referring to the churchâ€”and the individuals who form itâ€”as His bride. In theory, we all understand this concept. In reality, especially when it comes to communication i. July 24, , Dayton, Wash. July 17, , San Francisco, Calif. March 30, , Orange Beach, Ala. Posted by Andy Hanson at.

Chapter 6 : Perspective Digest : The Adventist Pilgrim

Ask and challenge an Adventist perspective on any topic regarding biblical theology and philosophy.

In short, I read this issue because I review the Review. As I was doing my job, I kept thinking about the editors and staff doing what they have to do, week after week, month after month. Were they exhausted, pleased, frustrated, thankful? Is three Reviews a month plus World one publication too many? Is consistent quality a concern? Lewis in Oxford England, for the next two years. Moreover, with my faith being assaulted at every turn and in a thousand ways, how many letters can I write? And, at any rate, who can stop this determined bandwagon in its track? My reviews are letters delivered to you, four times a month. The [current Adventist] culture may try to smother it, but, like the Phoenix of ancient legend, it always rises back. Why would it be? Rather, the reason we humble ourselves in service is because we value their happiness more than anything else. It is mysterious, unaccountable; to excuse it is to defend it. Could excuse for it be found, or cause be shown for its existence, it would cease to be sin. No divine script is programming our days. Liberty and to a great extent, contingency defines human life. Are my words shouting so loudly that people cannot hear me? Am I really there for the right reason? Have I truly encouraged and helped someone along the way to wellness and wholeness? Christina Hudgins reports on the way the Atholton Adventist Church in Columbia, Maryland, cares for young adults who are away from home. Prayerâ€”Parents and other concerned adults may no longer be in a position to instruct and counsel young adults directly, but through prayer they can ask God to guide, protect, and shelter the youth. Contactâ€”Staying in touch with each young adult at least once a month via e-mail, cards, and text messages, or calling them on the phone, lets them know adult church members care about them. Packagesâ€”Twice during the school year church members send care packages, keeping individual tastes and preferences in mind. I admire Hyveth for using her column to remind all of us that prejudice is blinding. On August 1, , Ray graduated to a thunderous standing ovation of his peers and professors with a doctorate in Old Testament and a cognate in Religious Education. Despite his outstanding achievements and miraculous journey, no one has offered him anything. Our hope is in the goodness of God who called us to this ministry. Perhaps some have not come forward to offer the McAllisters employment in churches or universities because they are unaware of this jewel waiting to shine for Jesus. Posted by Andy Hanson at.

Chapter 7 : Perspectives on Adventist Women and the Ministry | Adventist Today

According to the most-recently available figures, official Adventist church membership now stands at about million (a figure reported by Adventist News Network as of December 31,).

Chapter 8 : Adventist Review : Passover: An Adventist Perspective

Two Seventh-day Adventist religious liberty advocates were among those invited to participate in a landmark religious freedom summit organized by the US Department of State in Washington, D.C. The event, which began July 24, was the first-ever of its kind, and brought together government officials.