

Here is an overview of points that are foundational to any new SDA teaching on The Sabbath:

- In Early Writings, Ellen White stated concerning the Platform of Truth: *“A Firm Platform - saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, **“Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.”** I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. **Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him.** They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it.” { EW 258.3}*

This statement would apply to any teaching counter to any SDA foundation teaching, which the Seventh-day Sabbath is one of them, along with the teaching of the Heavenly Sanctuary as well as several other points. The church has been on a “solid immovable platform” since 1844, particularly with the Sabbath and Sanctuary messages. Those who teach the lunar sabbath are saying –

- That Ellen White was WRONG, that she was NOT under Inspiration, when she was given her Sabbath vision very early in her ministry, April 6, 1846, when she was shown the Ten Commandments and saw the halo around the Fourth Commandment. If the Divine Author did not show her the right day for the Sabbath then what else is wrong in her teaching? The Sabbath and Sanctuary truths stand or fall together. Either Ellen White was “inspired” or she was not. Why would the Sabbath Author, Inspiration, not give her, and the whole church, the correct Sabbath teaching, the correct day, if the lunar sabbath is correct. Lunar sabbath believers don’t even give a source for their teaching, that is, who brought it to the attention of the SDA Church as some kind of new light. I know who brought it. It was the Jesuits in the church, and those who work to get Adventists OFF the Platform of Truth. There are a growing number of Adventists who also promote the flat earth theory, as if it is a key truth for the last day, as if it is true. The Catholic Church originally taught the flat earth. They had to go doctrinally quiet on that teaching when science taught otherwise, when science because to develop at the end of the dark ages with the discovery of the helio centric truth of the solar

system, the sun at the center of our solar system. Jesuits today are bringing that idea back. This is the case since it is a teaching of the Catholic church that “the church is never wrong”. The church is infallible. That is another topic.

- Next, we are given the Sabbath truth in the book, *The Great Controversy*, which was the true light on the Sabbath given to Ellen White. If Ellen White was wrong on the creation Sabbath in that book also then her whole ministry to establish the “Platform” of Truth is invalid, in error. Furthermore, if the 7th day Sabbath according to the accepted weekly cycle is wrong, for recorded history, then the whole message of “Sunday” sacredness is also wrong, that is, that the day we know as “Sunday” is not actually the first day of the week because the lunar sabbath theory also invalidates that key teaching also of the SDA foundation, Ellen White, and all the SDA pioneers, who wrote many study papers on the true Sabbath. James White, J.H. Waggoner, J.N. Andrews, E.J. Waggoner, A.T. Jones and many others. They were all wrong if the lunar sabbath was the true seventh day.
- Next, and really most importantly, we must take a look at creation week itself, the numbering of the days and what happened on each day of that all-important week in sacred history. Take note, that the “lights in the heavens”, the sun, moon and stars, were not created until the fourth day of creation week, HOWEVER, there is no instruction, teaching or indication in Genesis 1, that the SABBATH Day was based on the events of the fourth day of creation week, BUT rather based on the FIRST DAY of creation week, BEFORE the lights in the heavens were created. The Sabbath day was **COUNTED from the first day of creation week, NOT from the fourth day**. This fact should be painfully obvious to lunar sabbatarians, but they ignore it. Ellen White states in her book *P.P.* that the weekly cycle was never lost in history. There were other weekly cycles in the history of nations such as with the Romans, who had a 10 day week, but they changed their ten day calendar week to a seven day week when they learned of the Israelite seven day cycle because it worked better. I have historical references on this in another study I compiled years ago. The original seven day weekly cycle was never lost according to Ellen White and historians that I have read, such as Josephus.
- The Creator made the moon as a second witness, as the “LESSOR light”, not the first witness or greater witness of sacred time. The moon was not “the greater light”, since the moon DOES NOT mark the daily cycle (days of the week and days of the month). Why do lunar sabbatists make the moon the supposed greater light when in the beginning it was not used to mark the days but the seasons, in the orbit that it had at that time, marking the seasonal procession of the constellations in the night sky. But remember, even the sun, the greater light, was not the reference point, the reference mark, for the count of the weekly cycle, since it too was created on the fourth day of creation week. But what the sun does do, and does very well, according to Psalm 104:19 -

“He appointed the moon for seasons: **the sun knoweth his going down.**”

This is a wonderful reminder of the purpose of the sun and the moon in the beginning, particularly before the Flood, that the sun marks the days of the week as it is now or since the

fourth day of creation, but the sun never marked the weekly cycle itself since it was four days since the first day of the week. The count to the Sabbath began on the first day, not the fourth day. Otherwise, people are saying that the divine act of the fourth day brought about the keeping or revelation of the Sabbath. The Sabbath of creation was based on THE WORD of the Creator ALONE, not on the act of creation itself. Before the fourth day EACH DAY was declared by the Creator, not declared by the lights in the heavens created on the fourth day. The reason that Psalm 104 makes such a declaration is because the SUN KNOWS ITS GOING DOWN, which marks each day, the end of one day and the beginning of the next day. The moon cannot do this since it rises 45 minutes later each night/day. The sun keeps TIME each day, 12 hours of day and 12 hours of darkness (not a sixty minute hour as we have today with civil time). The moon does not. So why do some think to mark the daily cycle or the monthly calendar, by the moon???

Even the Jews today in their feast calendar mark the monthly cycle by the moon in the Rabbinic calendar, BUT NOT the weekly cycle. The moon cannot mark daily time since it does not know its going down, but only the sun “knows its going down” day by day, like clockwork. Hence, we know each day start and end, and thereby know the TIME or the day when the Sabbath comes! Yet, even the Jews of today KEEP the weekly cycle based on solar time and do not attempt to make the moon or the new moon, to mark the beginning of the weekly cycle. The Jews keep the same Sabbath as Seventh-day Adventists.

- Here is Ellen White’s actual 1846 vision:

In the autumn of 1846 we began to observe the Bible Sabbath, and to teach and defend it. My attention was first called to the Sabbath while I was on a visit to New Bedford, Massachusetts, earlier in the same year. I there became acquainted with Elder Joseph Bates, who had early embraced the advent faith, and was an active laborer in the cause. Elder B. was keeping the Sabbath, and urged its importance. I did not feel its importance, and thought that Elder B. erred in dwelling upon the fourth commandment more than upon the other nine. But the Lord gave me a view of the heavenly sanctuary. The temple of God was opened in heaven, and I was shown the ark of God covered with the mercy seat. Two angels stood, one at each end of the ark, with their wings spread over the mercy seat, and their faces turned toward it. My accompanying angel informed me that these represented all the heavenly host looking with reverential awe toward the holy law which had been written by the finger of God. Jesus raised the cover of the ark, and I beheld the tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written. I was amazed as I saw the fourth commandment in the very center of the ten precepts, with a soft halo of light encircling it. Said the angel: “It is the only one of the ten which defines the living God who created the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein. When the foundations of the earth were laid, then was laid the foundation of the Sabbath also.” { 1T 75.4 }

I was shown that if the true Sabbath had always been kept, there would never have been an infidel or an atheist. The observance of the Sabbath would have preserved the world from idolatry. The fourth commandment has been trampled upon; therefore we are called upon to repair the breach in the law, and plead for the downtrodden Sabbath. The man of sin, who

exalted himself above God, and thought to change times and laws, brought about the change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week. In doing this, he made a breach in the law of God. Just prior to the great day of God, a message is sent forth to warn the people to come back to their allegiance to the law of God which antichrist has broken down. By precept and example, attention must be called to the breach in the law. I was shown that the third angel, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, represents the people who receive this message and raise the voice of warning to the world, to keep the commandments of God as the apple of the eye, and that in response to this warning many would embrace the Sabbath of the Lord. { 1T 76.1}

EGW Warning to the church:

I have been shown that many who profess to have a knowledge of present truth know not what they believe. They do not understand the evidences of their faith. They have no just appreciation of the work for the present time. When the time of trial shall come, there are men now preaching to others who will find, upon examining the positions they hold, that there are many things for which they can give no satisfactory reason. Until thus tested they knew not their great ignorance. And there are many in the church who take it for granted that they understand what they believe; but, until controversy arises, they do not know their own weakness. When separated from those of like faith and compelled to stand singly and alone to explain their belief, they will be surprised to see how confused are their ideas of what they had accepted as truth. Certain it is that there has been among us a departure from the living God and a turning to men, putting human in place of divine wisdom. { 5T 707.2}

God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold. God would have all the bearings and positions of truth thoroughly and perseveringly searched, with prayer and fasting. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Their faith must be firmly founded upon the word of God so that when the testing time shall come and they are brought before councils to answer for their faith they may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear. { 5T 707.3}

Yes, we must make a “critical examination of the positions we hold” BUT the foundation truths given to The Advent people, particularly the Sabbath and Sanctuary messages, constituted the “block and pin” of the Advent people which **cannot be moved** according to EGW.

Please see the PDF attachment for a greater explanation of solar and lunar time. I will go through my other files on two other computers and send other information about the lunar sabbath. It is very important to Seventh-day Adventists, otherwise they can be swept away by different errors that have come into the church since 1915, since Ellen White’s passing.

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