

OVERVIEW OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS



KEY PERSON, DATE, LOCATION

PRIMARY ORGANIZERS: JAMES (1821-1881) AND ELLEN (1827-1915) WHITE, JOSEPH BATES (1792-1872)

INCORPORATED IN 1863 IN MICHIGAN

HEADQUARTERS IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

KEY WRITINGS

THE BIBLE, INCLUDING ADVENTIST PARAPHRASE THE CLEAR WORD

OVER 600 PUBLISHED TITLES BY ELLEN WHITE, INCLUDING THE DESIRE OF AGES AND THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE; SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY

ADVENTIST REVIEW, NUMEROUS OTHER MAGAZINES

WHO IS GOD?

GOD IS COMPRISED OF A UNITY OF THREE CO-ETERNAL PERSONS —FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT— WHO ARE ONE IN MOTIVE AND PURPOSE, BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE

GOD THE FATHER IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD TO POSSESS A PHYSICAL BODY

BOTH TRINITARIANISM AND ANTI-TRINITARIANISM ARE BELIEVED IN THE CHURCH TODAY

WHO IS JESUS?

ELLEN WHITE SAYS GOD THE FATHER EXALTED JESUS TO BE HIS SON, THUS PROVOKING LUCIFER'S JEALOUSY AND A WAR IN HEAVEN

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE TO PROVE WE CAN LIVE SINLESSLY

JESUS' SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS DID NOT COMPLETE THE ATONEMENT; SINCE 1844 HE HAS BEEN APPLYING HIS BLOOD IN HEAVEN IN AN ONGOING "INVESTIGATIVE JUDGEMENT" AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN

JESUS IS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL; MOST ADVENTIST FOUNDERS DENIED JESUS' DEITY

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO BE A FORCE OR POWER FROM GOD, TODAY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD

HOW TO BE SAVED

SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, BUT MAINTAINED BY COMMANDMENT-KEEPING AND REPENTANCE

SEVENTH-DAY (SATURDAY) SABBATH OBSERVANCE IS THE SIGN OF THE SEAL OF GOD, SUNDAY WORSHIP IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST

SATAN IS THE SCAPEGOAT TO BE PUNISHED IN THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR THE SINS OF THE SAVED

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

HUMANS HAVE NO IMMATERIAL SPIRIT, SO AT DEATH THE BODY GOES INTO THE GROUND AND THE BREATH GOES TO GOD

NOTHING REMAINS EXCEPT IN GOD'S MEMORY

AT JUDGMENT, THE LAKE OF FIRE ANNIHILATES THE WICKED

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

THE SDA CHURCH CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE GOD'S ONE, SPECIAL REMNANT CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT CLEAN/UNCLEAN MEAT LAW OBSERVED

SDA "HEALTH MESSAGE" INCLUDES ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CAFFEINE AND ADVOCATES VEGANISM

TRADITIONALIST SDA'S BELIEVE WEARING JEWELRY IS SINFUL

PROSELYTIZING PROGRAMS INCLUDE "REVELATION SEMINARS", UHEATH OUTREACH